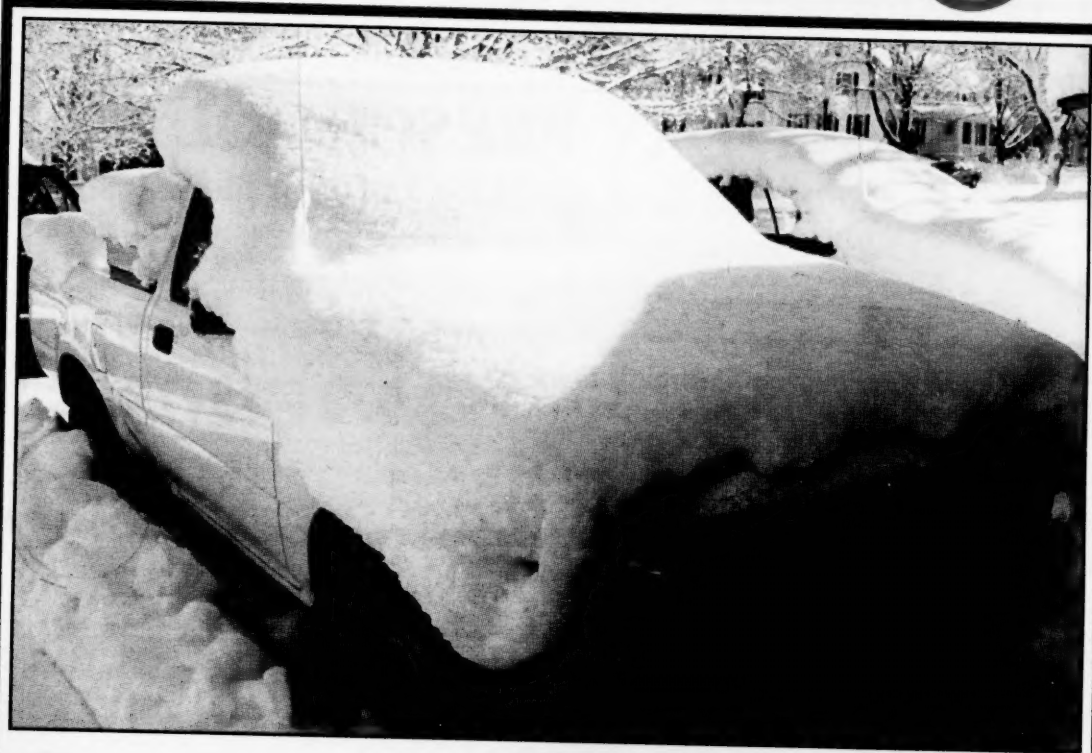


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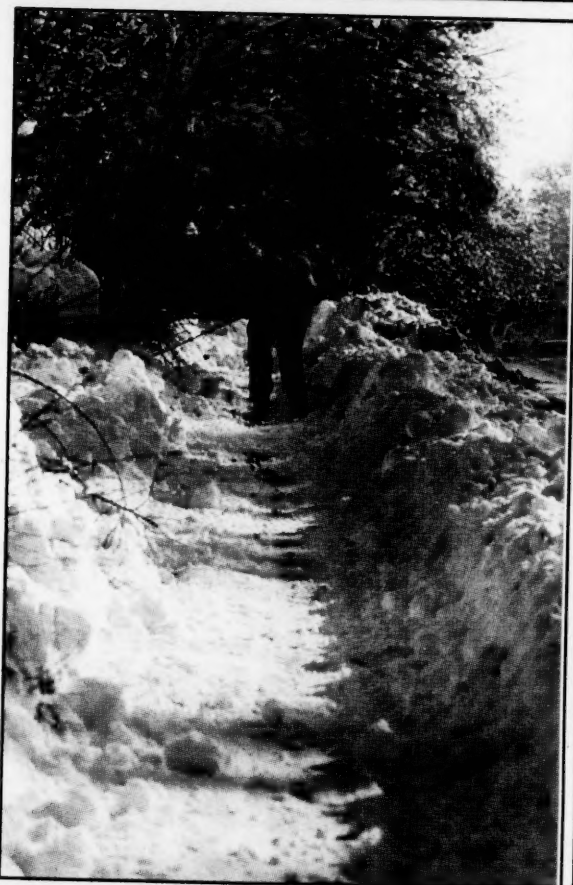
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## Snow daze

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Surprise attack** — A Tuesday snowstorm that forecasters had said would be mostly a rainstorm left traffic snarled, roads unplowed ... and a spectacular beauty the following morning. Among the scenes around town, the owner of this pickup (above) obviously had some work to do before going anywhere. And at right, Anthony Ansaldi of 275 Main St., spent a good part of Wednesday morning shoveling his sidewalk. The plows did get out, but not soon enough to suit some residents (see page 3).



## Downtown: give it the business

**Everybody wants similar things. It's how to get them done**

By Taylor Armerding

An outsider, listening to all the discussion during the past year about the health of Andover's downtown might wonder, "What's all the fuss?"

Indeed, at one level, the town's central business district is the picture of health. It is not pockmarked by empty storefronts. Even with the

unfortunate recent blitz of arson, it is hardly what public safety officials call a "high-crime" area. There is visible foot traffic; perhaps too much auto traffic. It is not scarred by litter and dirt.

And while it may not have the variety of a mega-mall, no single type of business controls

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## Breast cancer rate analyzed

**Andover is third highest in state**

By Neil Fater

A top state health investigator came to Andover yesterday, Tuesday, to begin analyzing the mystery behind why so many Andover women have had breast cancer in recent years.

Summary statistics outlining breast cancer cases from 1987 to 1994 showed Andover as the Massachusetts community with the third-highest rate of breast cancer among its women.

"We're about 37 percent higher than we would be expected to be, relative to the number of (people)," says town health director Everett Penney. "We've been higher than expected with other types of cancer from time to time, but never at this level."

As a result, Suzanne Condon, head of the state bureau of environmental assessment, was expected to meet with Penney yesterday. Penney says Condon planned to unveil and discuss a plan that health workers can use to possibly discover why breast cancer incidence is so high in town.

"We have to be very careful not to raise expectations too high for the study," says Penney. "With years of national and international research not finding the answer (to ending cancer), I'm not too optimistic this will."

But Penney says he hopes the study will at least raise awareness about the problem, encouraging people to learn what

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## Building a mystery

**Inspectors suspended, municipal lips sealed**

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski recently suspended two of the town's building inspectors, but he declined this week to provide details on the offense that prompted those suspensions.

Building Inspectors Michael Buss and Peter DePesa recently each took three days of unpaid leave, Stapczynski said, but declined to say why they were

suspended "to protect the individuals and the town."

Stapczynski, the only town employee with authority to suspend the building inspectors, only described the matter as an "administrative personnel issue."

Reportedly, Stapczynski did not make the decision entirely on his own, but only after a recommendation from a management committee.

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# TOWN TALK



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Fun, fun, fun — Loyal Market Basket customer and Andover resident Janie Thomas gives her favorite employee, assistant meat manager John Rossetti, a big hug, while store manager Matthew Matson, the store's off-the-cuff loudspeaker comic, looks on. Thomas says she flirts with everybody in the store, except for Matson.

## Attention shoppers ... A special on attitude at Market Basket

When was the last time you were in the supermarket and someone asked you, "Where can you go and have this much fun?"

Probably not too long ago if you shop at the Shawsheen Plaza Market Basket.

Manager Matthew Matson is known around the store for that and other off-the-cuff announcements over the loud speaker, especially when the crowds get tough.

"When people are standing in long lines and ready to choke each other, it really breaks the ice," says Assistant Manager Ron Savage.

Matson agrees that ice-breaking is usually the goal.

"This store can get pretty intense, and sometimes you need to shift the focus," he says.

Customer Janie, who is known to occasionally flirt with a few Market Basket employees — but not the manager — says she is a regular customer at Market Basket because of its fun atmosphere, and because

she can always get good service, even over the phone.

Matson, a resident of Plaistow, N.H., has been manager of the Shawsheen Plaza store for 10 years. He finds that periodic injections of humor into a store that can sometimes be chaotic, helps keep tempers from flaring.

"Sometimes I remind them that there is a speed limit on shopping carts when people start to run each other over," he said Monday as he stacked up a table of large candy bars on sale.

Matson is also known for bringing families together. When a children are separated from their supermarket escorts, the call goes out for "lost mothers."

If you've selected a leaky bag of sugar, you may be publicly asked to stop in your tracks before depositing a trail across the store.

And if you're standing in a long line, you'll probably be

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Too much white, not enough plow

Those dreaming of a white Christmas saw tree tops glisten last week, but letting it snow during the Christmas rush of Dec. 23 and 24 made driving tough for those with a place to go.

Because of the unexpected strength of the storm and the increased parking and driving created by the Christmas season, plow drivers had trouble clearing some streets before the snow became packed, says John Canavan, highway department supervisor.

"The traffic — I never saw so much, because the people were out Christmas shopping," says Canavan. "We just couldn't plow (some roads) because of the parked cars and because people were shopping and having Christmas parties on some of the side streets."

As a result, some people were upset about the amount of snow still on their streets during the holiday.

Police received complaints Christmas Day about Fossen Way, Hidden Way, Gardner Way, Belknap Drive, Marland Street, Germano Way, Alderbrook Road and Countryside Way. An officer reported around 3:45 p.m. that "Alderbrook Road and Countryside Way have four to six inches of snow on (them) with deep ruts." Police phoned the highway general foreman twice Christmas Day to take care of road con-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Getting pushy — A town worker clears sidewalks after Tuesday's surprise snowstorm. The plowing wasn't swift enough for a number of local residents, who complained about it.**

ditions.

Canavan says about 50 plows were out during the height of the storm Dec. 23, with the first trucks hitting the streets about 10 a.m. and the last plowing until well after midnight.

"They only forecast a couple of inch-

es in the beginning so we thought we'd only be sanding," he says. "It was a tough storm because every hour or so they'd change the forecast and add to what they thought would fall. So you were kind of operating in the dark."

Canavan says the plows were kept out until they finished their routes, and drivers were on the roads 30 hours because "once they get through plowing they have to do sanding." Some trucks were sent out again Christmas Day and Dec. 26.

"We were just fortunate the temperature came up or we'd probably still be sanding it," says Canavan, yesterday, Tuesday.

— Neil Fater

## Christmas almost goes up in smoke

A man reportedly visiting his parents' Boston Road house for Christmas almost saw his Christmas go up in smoke when his car caught on fire and nearly took the house with it.

The heat from the car fire knocked out several windows on his family's home and the fire department arrived just as the fire was spreading from the old car to the Boston Road home.

"We got there just in time. The fire had actually started on the curtains inside the house," says Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. "It was a matter of a minute or two and then we would have had most of the house involved."

The Fire Department log did not identify the family, but according to Murnane and a police report, the fire started after the man went outside to see if he could get his car started. According to a report, the man was hoping he could sell the car. Presumably, that hope quickly vanished when he discovered a burning smell coming from the car. He got out of the vehicle, saw flames under the car and unsuccessfully tried to put the fire out with snow, says a report.

The report says that when public safety officials arrived there was "fire visible in the attic area around a louver vent and ridge line." It also claims poor engine performance caused the catalytic converter to overheat and ignite the vehicle.

"The son was out. He started the car and the car hadn't been run for a while," says Murnane. "Raw gas somehow got involved and (contributed to) the fire."

— Neil Fater

## Quote, unquote . . .

**'I** want to get that done before I go out of office.'

Selectmen Chairman Jerry Silverman, noting that he wants to be able to vote on the appointment of the town's next police chief.

**'A**ndover is unique," he says, "because it does have a nice downtown. When you look around, you see some towns that have lost them, and they wish they had them back."

Thomas Keefe, head of the Andover Center Association Board of Directors.

**'I**t was a year of industry and commercial development more than anything else.'

Andover Planning Director Steve Colyer, speaking about the character of development in the town during 1997.

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### Monday, January 5

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Board of Health, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Joint Board Meeting to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan; Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 6

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Senior Center Design Selection Team, Senior Center, site evaluation subcommittee, 7:30 a.m.; architect selection subcommittee, 8:30 a.m.

Planning Board, continued public

hearing on the Marriott, first-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 7

Andover High School Council, Room 264, Andover High School, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Center Design Selection Team, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, January 8

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 13

School Committee, budget workshop, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

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# TOWN TALK

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asked to stop and count your blessings before you count your items.

"Look to your left. Look to your right. Now where can you go shopping and have this much fun?" is Matson's most famous attitude adjustment call to shoppers.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

## Dawn to ducks

Nothing unusual reported in annual bird count

While the only bird many Andover residents saw on Christmas was at the dinner table, many other area residents were out spying on the live ones.

The Annual Christmas Bird Count in Andover, Lawrence, North Andover, Reading, Methuen, Boxford, Dracut, Middleton, Tewksbury, Wilmington, Billerica and Lowell was organized by the Massachusetts Audubon Society to track more than 50 species of Merrimack Valley birds.

The dawn-to-dusk count was conducted in a 15-mile radius around Poms Pond in Andover.

While the number of crows in the region has reportedly exploded in the last decade, the area crow expert was not on hand to count crows this year. But results of all other area species are expected in a few weeks.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

## Andover Reservation grows by 47 acres

Andover officially purchased Monday 47 acres of conservation land off Sunset Rock Road, creating one large reservation are in South Andover, says Conservation Commission Chairman Robert Pustell.

The area was originally slated for development of a 43-home subdivision by Noel Realty Trust that angered neighbors.

Instead, the company donated 20 of the 47 acres to the town and is planning a 19-home subdivision, Regency Heights, between two parcels of conservation land with an open space connecting them.

The other 27 acres, part of Jenkins Farm,

was bought by the town for \$1.4 million, at last years town meeting.

The town is planning to buy 42.5 acres of conservation land near Fosters Pond next month for about \$700,000.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

## They're purchasing seminarians now

Carol Znamierowski, Andover Public Schools purchasing and transportation coordinator, and Elaine M. Shola, town of Andover purchasing agent, have successfully completed the requirements of the Supplies and Services seminar in the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) Program.

The program, run by the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General, focuses on public purchasing laws, practices and issues in Massachusetts.

The three-day program included instruction by experts, hands-on exercises, discussions of issues, and written examination. Seminar topics included: overview of supplies and services procurement, writing effective specifications, soliciting price quotations, using invitations for bids and requests for proposals, con-



**Serving others** — The Service Club of Andover recently received a Certificate of Recognition at the annual Legislators Breakfast at the Radisson Ferncroft in Danvers. The club recently contributed \$6,000 toward a study of housing for developmentally delayed adults. From left are state Sen. John O'Brien, Service Club President Bob Barry, Department of Mental Retardation Commissioner Gerald Morrissey, immediate past president Elaine Morgillo and area director Wilfredo Torres.

tract administration, multi-year contracts, public-private partnerships, and contemporary issues in public purchasing.

Having completed both the gener-

al certification and supplies and services seminars, Znamierowski and Shola are eligible to apply for the designation of MCPPO of Supplies and Services.

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# Police chief no longer Civil Service position

By Neil Fater

When a new police chief is appointed in Andover, it won't be a civil action.

Governor Paul Cellucci has approved a bill removing Andover's police-chief position from Civil Service. His approval follows votes by April Town Meeting and by the state legislature.

This approval clears the table for a new chief to be named by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, who has said he will post the chief position after the holidays, during the first week of January, 1998.

After candidates apply and are interviewed by a professional committee, Stapczynski will recommend a candidate. Selectmen must then either accept or reject his recommendation.

"I would say we really want to get it sometime in late February or early March," says Selectmen chairman Jerry Silverman.

If the appointment process was stretched out until after March at least one and potentially two new selectmen will vote on Stapczynski's recommenda-

tion.

Silverman has announced he will not run for reelection meaning he would not be involved with an appointment recommended after March 24, 1998.

Silverman says he "absolutely" wants the vote taken by then.

John Hess, who filled out the remaining year of a term vacated by state Rep. Barry Finegold, plans to run for reelection, but if defeated he would also not be involved in a post-March 24 vote either.

"It's (Stapczynski's) appointment. Nevertheless, it's not something you want to approve without the approval of the board," says Silverman.

"I want to get that done before I go out of office,"

As for who may be the next chief, five officers have talked about applying. Much of the early talk both within and outside of the police department has focused on Lt. Phillip Froburg and Sergeant Brian Pattullo.

Selectmen have voted to require the next chief to come from within the current department.

## Breast cancer rates ...

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intervention and prevention strategies they can adopt to help decrease the likelihood they will be diagnosed with the disease.

Penney says health officials don't know yet if there are specific neighborhoods where breast cancer rates are particularly high, but he says the study will map out the locations of those with breast cancer and look for "clusters of cancers."

### Cancer factors

Although Penney carefully states "there are no established cause-and-effect factors that we can point to" that cause breast cancer, health officials do believe that certain factors can be linked to the disease. Penney says there are specific environmental factors that may be studied as health officials look to improve the Andover problem.

Among them:

- Large amounts of trash burned in the Merrimack Valley;
- Two major highways that run through western Andover;
- Large industries that produce legal, but poisonous toxins;
- Socioeconomic factors; and
- Now-banned pesticides once used on former farmland.

"We have some unique environmental factors in Andover. We have these incinerators that burn about 37 to 40 percent of the trash (that is burned) for the state," says Penney.

The trash facilities are all within five miles of one another, but Penney notes the prevailing winds from these sites blow away from

Andover. Plus, neither Haverhill nor North Andover, the homes of the facilities, have such high rates of breast cancer.

Another potential area for study deals with Andover's highways. Penney says Interstates 93 and 495 "cut right in the middle of our water supply and watershed."

"Environmentally, we also have some unique concentrations of industry in this area," he says.

Another potential area of study may be to determine where farmers may have dumped their pesticides. Penney says pesticides such as DDT and heat-insulating chemicals for transmissions that were banned in the 1970s were not biodegradable and therefore persist in the soil. When the earth is turned over the pesticides can become airborne.

Finally socioeconomic factors may be looked at, says Penney.

"The higher the socioeconomic status of the people in a community, that seems to be (responsible for) high incidence of breast cancer," he says.

Women who have babies later in life are more likely than other women to get breast cancer, and women who have diets higher in fat are also more susceptible, he says.

Penney says Howard Koh, state health commissioner, talked with him after the cancer registry results from the state gathering unit were released in late November.

"Dr. Koh being from Andover, with he and I talking, decided to initiate a study in Andover as to why the rates have risen," says Penney.

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# Sad farewells ...

## A look back at some who made the life of Andover special

Andover bade farewell to many well-loved residents in 1997, including some well known for the way they made life in Andover better, each in their own way.

Former congressman **Paul Cronin** died April 5 at 59 with his wife, **Ellen Raphael**, at his side. Cronin and Raphael had been married only the previous June, after a discreet seven-year courtship. After Raphael and Cronin navigated his battle with cancer together, Raphael fought her own tragic battle with the disease, and died at the same hour, in the same hospital, one room over, on Oct. 19.

Raised in Ballardvale, Cronin became an Andover selectman at age 25, went on to represent the town in Washington as the U.S. representative for the Fifth Congressional District. He was involved in developing the first master



**Cronin — he kept smiling.**

plan for Logan Airport and authored legislation on energy, transportation, and establishing urban national parks.

His political career included an unsuccessful run for governor in 1990 that was well supported in Andover. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Port Authority until 1996. His list of local contributions included a seat on the board of the Lawrence Boys and Girls Clubs. His services were held in Andover's Old Town Hall, a building he worked to refurbish with federal contributions.

Raphael was known for her work in educational strategy and planning, and her knack for cultivating genuine friendships with all kinds of people, friends say.

Raphael said she was inspired by her late husband's creed, "keep smiling."



**Raphael — tragic parallels.**

Retired Andover High School math teacher and head track coach **Robert McIntyre**, also known for inspiring smiles in many students, died at 72 on Jan. 29 after an eight-year battle with cancer.

Among his town contributions are 16 years of service on the School Committee and a long

membership in the Andover Boosters Club.

He spent 37 years working to have a state indoor track facility built, which was realized in Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston in November of 1995.

While his moments of rage on

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## Building a mystery

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In response to some rumors that alleged sexual harassment was involved, the manager said that was absolutely not the case.

Building Department Division Head Kaija Gilmore, the immediate supervisor of the two inspectors, declined to comment.

Selectmen Larry Larsen also declined to provide details of the matter for the record, but said he "did not agree with or approve of the approach" Stapczynski used in dealing with the problem.

"But he is the manager, and I will defer to his decision," he said, "as much as I don't agree with it."

Larsen, who has been a frequent critic of the manager, said he did not believe the action was

"effective or consistent. This doesn't strike me as a policy that was brought before the board (of selectmen), and if it is to become a disciplinary policy, I think it needs to be uniform," he said, adding that he believed it should be applied to employees at the top, as well as to subordinates.

"I'm certainly not happy about it," he said.

Andover Police Lt. Philip Froborg, the target of complaints from subordinate officers that he was verbally abusive, was not suspended.

Stapczynski, whose only response to Larsen was that "Larry can say what he wants, in his capacity," defended the consistency of his handling of personnel matters.

"The town is not being arbitrary or capricious," he said in a phone interview Monday night, adding that the suspensions have now been served, "and it is time to move on."

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# Townsmen EDITORIALS

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## A matter of public record

It started with a couple of anonymous phone calls.

And over the weekend, it became a rumor with a pretty good head of steam. According to the local grapevine, a couple of building inspectors had been suspended.

Why? Nobody was exactly sure. What for? Nobody was exactly sure of that either, but there were plenty of guesses, some of them off the wall.

So, as any newspaper would, the *Townsmen* began seeking information from official sources, to separate rumor from fact.

But the only thing clear after a few initial attempts was that the Town Offices were definitely in diversion mode. Everything was referred to the town manager.

That's fine. Buzz Stapczynski has to take the heat for municipal decisions, good or bad, so he should certainly be allowed to require his subordinates to refer sensitive questions to him, so he can frame the answers as he wishes.

Initially, however, the manager wasn't willing to confirm or deny anything.

Eventually he did confirm that a suspension had occurred, and that the employees had served it.

His reluctance to speak about the matter, he said, was because he has to protect the interests of both the individuals and the town.

He's correct, of course. It is a significant responsibility, and can sometimes be a very delicate and precarious job.

But top jobs are always tough jobs. And it is unfortunate both that it took him as long as it did to deal with the rumors, and that he still refuses to say what the inspectors did to deserve suspensions.

First, this was a matter of intense local interest, and issuing the standard "no comment" was not going to make it go away.

Second, it was a done deal. It wasn't as though it was still under consideration.

Third, and most important, local residents deserve to know, within reason, about the public performance of public employees. The job of building inspector in particular is more directly involved with the public than most others.

So while this probably isn't a federal case, who knows? It could involve anything from a tiff with management to being on the take from contractors. Since Stapczynski won't say, it's all left up to the public imagination.

Like it or not, public employees give up a certain amount of privacy in exchange for the security and other benefits of the public payroll.

Certainly their private lives are private. But their public performance, good or bad, should be public.

The town manager should know that.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Snowy path** — a solitary walker strolls across The Park the morning after last Tuesday's storm, when Andover got buried by close to a foot of what weather forecasters had predicted would be an inch or so that would immediately be washed away by rain. But after you got somewhere, or if you didn't have to use a car, Christmas Eve morning provided a spectacular natural show.

## Sorry, the bird isn't the word for me



**Taylor Armerding**

There was a major ornithological event here last week. Perhaps you even got involved in it personally. If you did, that's great. I think you're a fine person, and wouldn't want you to think for a moment that you had wasted any of your time participating in the annual Andover Christmas Bird Count.

After all, I'm a '90s kind of guy. I'm for diversity and tolerance. I believe that it takes all kinds. I believe that everybody's special. I'm like Mr. Rogers (no, not my boss — the one on TV who keeps changing his shoes, putting his sweater on and taking it off and always asking you to move next door to him). I like you just the way you are.

Just don't be asking me to share the experience. Publicize it, maybe, by mentioning it in this very well-read space, but not share it. I can't help it, but outside of feeling badly if

any species becomes extinct, I don't really care how many birds there are within a 15-mile radius of Poms Pond.

It's not something I'm entirely proud to admit. My own mother would probably disown me if she heard me say this, so please don't pass a copy of the paper around anywhere in Pennsylvania. She's like the rest of you people, always stopping a conversation to tell me she just heard a tufted titmouse or some such thing. Which only proves to me that she wasn't listening to what I was saying in the first place.

But admitting it is also somewhat cathartic, because I tend to hang around with the kind of people who count birds, and most of the time I feel too guilty to admit that I don't share their sense of purpose when they get all excited at some inane chirping.

Granted, my lack of interest doesn't

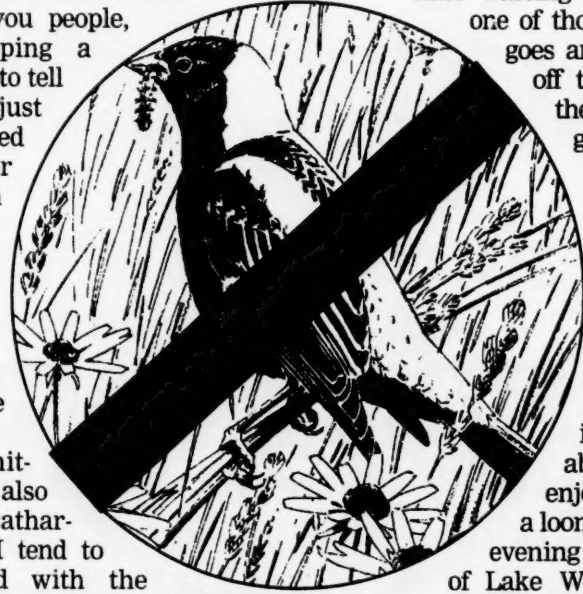
even make all that much sense. In other ways, I'm much more like the L.L. Bean crowd than the Gucci, bottom line, stick-it-to-the-environment group. I'm big on whole grains and vegetables. I'm not a vegetarian, but I find it difficult to kill any living thing other than biting insects. You don't want to take me on the baby harp seal hunt. I

hate wasting anything. I'm one of those people who goes around shutting off the showers at the Y when other guys leave them half on.

So you'd think I'd care about birds, like the rest of my tree hugger friends. And I do care, in a somewhat abstract way. I

enjoy listening to a loon call on a quiet evening at the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

I'm glad to see the first robins of spring. I'm fascinated, somewhat, when a hummingbird the size of a bumblebee flashes around the flowers outside the house. I rejoice when I hear owls call in the woods close to





## WHAT'S UP

By Suzie Clarke

It's that time of year again ... have you made your New Year's Resolutions? How about resolving to give something back to the community?

The Youth Council is sponsoring the Share What You Wear clothing drive to aid those in desperate need of warm winter clothing. This year's drive will start Jan. 10 and run through Feb. 7. The AYC is asking for your help in supporting Cesar Chavez Academy in East Palo Alto, Calif., as well as local elementary and middle school in need of winter clothes. In 1997 the Andover Youth Council raised enough clothes to fill an 18-wheeler. In 1998 we hope to double our collection.

Last year the Youth Council collaborated with Tom Meyers, head of the Andover teachers' union, and AHS's community service department to raise clothing for The Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations in South Dakota.

This year the Youth Council is joining together with Laura Wilson, a 1992 graduate of AHS and a 1996 graduate of Wake Forest University, who has asked AYC and the community of Andover for our help. She is currently teaching English to seventh and eighth graders at Cesar Chavez Academy with a Teach For America Program. Due to gang violence in East Palo Alto (EPA), Cesar Chavez Academy has a strict dress code of navy blue pants with a plain navy blue or white top.

EPA is a small city, equal in population to Andover. While Andover's residents live in 30 square miles, East Palo Alto's 24,000 residents are packed into two square miles. Most of those living in EPA are on welfare. Due to this, there are many children who can not afford sweatshirts or jackets. Laura and the AYC are asking for your help in donating either navy blue or white sweatshirts and jackets (no brand names on the front, please) or by making a \$10 or more donation to purchase sweatshirts.

For a donation of \$10 or more, the AYC will send a thank-you note, on your behalf, to a person who has done something memorable for you. Donations can be sent to Andover Youth Council 36 Bartlet St., Andover, Mass 01810.

### Local charities

In 1997 more than 500 pounds of clothing was collected and given to local schools in need of warm clothes. We hope to at least double this amount in 1998 as this year's winter promises to be as cold as ever. Heavy winter jackets, sweaters, and pants are needed. We are also asking for casual wear such as long sleeved shirts, jeans, and winter boots. Both old and new clothes are welcome.

All donations can be dropped off Jan. 10 through Feb. 7 at the Old Town Hall daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Home pick-ups are also available to those of you that can't make it to the drop-off sites. For more info or for home pick-up requests, call the Clothesline at 623-8242.

### Winter lacrosse coming

Check out the winter lacrosse session at the AHS field house. This session is designed for the beginner to learn the fundamentals. Instruction will be provided by the Andover lacrosse coaches, Dave Puleo, Lyle Lieberman, Chip Gregory, Dave Doub, Mark Farnham, and others.

The cost for the session is \$45. The session will begin Jan. 18 and run every Sunday until March 15 with the exception of school vacation week (Feb. 15). There will be different times for each age group: 4:53-5:30 p.m. for 11 and 12 year olds and 5:30-7 p.m. for 13 and 14 year olds. Participants need all the proper equipment: helmet, shoulder and elbow pads, gloves, mouthpiece, stick. Hockey equipment is an acceptable substitute.

A girls-only winter lacrosse session at the Field House will be held Sundays with the time and dates to be announced once the coaching staff is established. Girls are welcome to participate in the winter lacrosse session outlined above, however, that session is developed in accordance to boys' lacrosse rules and regulations.

Pick up registration forms at the DCS office, AYS office, Doherty and West middle schools, and the Andover Hockey Shop. Mail it to the AYS at 36 Bartlet St., Andover, Mass. 01810 or drop it off at the DCS office from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. For answers to your questions, call the Youth Services at 623-8241.

## NEWS FOR SENIORS

### Fix-it shop

The fix-it shop will be open Monday, Jan. 12, from 1-3:30 p.m. Seniors can bring in small appliances or household items in need of repair. In most cases the cost will be the cost of replacement parts plus a \$1 service charge.

### Crafty carvers

The men's woodcarving group will continue to meet Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis during the winter months. Anyone who enjoys carving is welcome.

### Men's exercise class

A new eight-week session of men's exercise will begin Jan. 6 and meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. The class will consist of an aerobic component, strengthening, muscle toning and mat work. Eric Riccio, a certified personal trainer, will be the instructor. Cost is \$20.

### New Senior Center plans

Jeanne Madden, Senior Center director, will give an update of the new senior center building plans Friday, Jan. 9, at 9:30 a.m. All seniors interested in the future of the center are encouraged to attend.

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### Flower show

The Senior Center's cultural committee will sponsor a trip to the Rhode Island Flower Show at Providence Civic Center Thursday, Feb. 19. The cost is \$8. Since tickets must be purchased one month in advance, sign up will take place through Jan. 15.

### Computer interest group

The computer interest group will meet Monday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. at the drop-in center on the first floor of Old Town Hall. Any computer buff interested in joining the group is welcome.

### Watercolor workshop

Andover watercolorist Fran McCormick will conduct a watercolor technique workshop Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Artists are encouraged to bring works in progress they would like to discuss. Cost will be \$4 with preregistration appreciated.

## SENIOR MEALS

**Monday:** Broiled ground sirloin strip steak, onion gravy, mashed potatoes, sauteed zucchini and tomatoes, assorted whole grain bread, chilled pears.

**Tuesday:** Turkey, stuffing, gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, homemade cornbread, fruited Jell-O.

**Wednesday:** Braised pork loin, hot applesauce, potato wedges, broccoli, assorted whole grain bread, fudge brownie.

**Thursday:** Boneless chicken breast with stuffing and gravy, long grain

rice, peas, cranberry sauce, assorted whole grain bread, orange.

**Friday:** Fish cakes, baked beans, coleslaw, ketchup, tartar sauce, assorted whole grain bread, fruit cup.

A choice of milk, coffee or tea is available daily.

For reservations, call 623-8321 before 2 p.m. on business day before lunch you plan to attend. The Senior Center will serve chicken Monday, Jan. 12, and roast sirloin of beef Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Menu is subject to change.

## He's no bird man ...

my home, because I know they don't belong to any of those "cruelty free" organizations, and will kill as many mice and chipmunks as they can, therefore sparing me the duty.

But I've always thought there was something a little weird, even suspicious about people who spend large amounts of their free time looking around for birds. And no, it's not because I know a few people who used bird watching as a cover for secret affairs.

Maybe it's partially because I'm dubious of the claim that you can actually count birds. They do have wings, you know. What if a few of them get counted by one person, and then fly over to where they get counted by somebody else?

What about the makeup of the counting group? We heard this year that the crow expert couldn't make it, so now there was going to be an undercount of crows. I don't know about you, but it makes me nervous when I can't trust the Counting Crows portion of the count.

But mostly, I think it comes from an experience I had about 20 years ago, living in my first little crack-

er box of a home on Great Neck in Ipswich. Great Neck is a bit of a peninsula. It's not surrounded on three sides by ocean, at least not all of the time, but at high tide it is. The rest of the time it's surrounded by mud flats and salt marshes, which are prime breeding grounds for the vicious greenhead fly and its equally vicious cousin, the salt-marsh mosquito.

Because of that, and because it is just a few hundred yards across the water from Plum Island, it is a pretty popular place for birds. When the Canada geese began making a comeback back in the '70s, the Neck was one of their favorite migratory stops.

And therefore, it is a pretty popular place for bird watchers. That was fine with me, until this particular morning. Until then, I had been only dimly aware of them. Every now and then I'd see people with waders and binoculars and think "Isn't that nice. They're interested in wildlife."

But on this morning, sometime in December, I went bounding out of the house to get the mail, and happened to glance to my left, just before I reached the mailbox. There, in the middle of the street about 60 yards away, was a group of at least 20 people, all looking through binoculars DIRECTLY AT ME.

I stopped. I checked to make sure I had my pants

on. They kept looking. Finally most of them began turning, sort of sweeping the area with their field glasses. One of them waved. I didn't wave back. I got the mail and retreated into the house, where I pulled the shades.

I called a friend who is big on birds. He wasn't home, but his wife already had an explanation. A bird normally found only in Florida had reportedly been sighted in Ipswich. Her husband was out looking for it, and she was sure that's what the group with the binoculars was doing as well.

Sure.

I suppose that does explain it, and I shouldn't malign the reputations of people interested only in nature. I had to carry a story on it in the *Ipswich Chronicle*, the paper I was working for at the time. But it didn't make me feel any differently.

Here are perfectly sensible people, who could look at plenty of birds the way I do, by hanging up a feeder and, while eating dinner, watching them fight among themselves and the squirrels.

Then they'd have time for something else, like learning to play an instrument, and figuring out the notes in a very hot bluegrass breakdown.

Now there is a productive use of free time.



# BUSINESS

## Give it the business

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the downtown. There are numerous retail outlets, coffee shops, gas stations, restaurants, salons, real estate and travel agencies, professional offices, an athletic club, churches and the library.

Nobody who works there believes this is a sick business district either. Peter Quinlan of Fred C. Church Insurance, who chairs the Andover division of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, calls it "pretty stable ... there's a good mix."

Lori Becker, owner of Mom and Me Maternity and chairman of the Andover Center Association, says she has made a list of the things she can't get in the downtown, "and I can tell you, it's a pretty short list."

Steve Leed, co-owner of Royal Jewelers is positively bullish on the business environment. "It's been very healthy," he says. "Our business has been up every year since we've been here. Some people travel 50 or 60 miles to come here, and they shop at other stores and eat at the local restaurants."

And yet ...

And yet, right beneath the declarations that business is good in downtown Andover is the fear that it wouldn't take much to make it not so good. Or, more specifically, that unless the private and public sector join in an effort to promote and improve it, it won't stay as good as it is now, let alone improve.

"It's OK now," says Enzo Fossella, owner of the men's clothing shop Enzo of Andover. "But just OK. And if we don't do something today, the downtown that we'd all like in five or 10 years won't exist."

Fossella is not alone. Becker admits



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Still healthy, but ... Andover Center Association chairman Lori Becker, who is leaving the post to run for selectman, says Andover's downtown is healthy, but it's not thriving the way it could be.**

she is somewhat frustrated from time to time at efforts to promote the downtown. The Center Association, when it began, she says, was led by "a group of twentysomethings like me, who were pretty

young, didn't have kids or significant others, and had the time to really get things done. Now it seems like everybody has different priorities."

Becker, now 29, announced in March

that she intended to leave her post as head of the Center Association in November. Earlier this month, she announced her intent to run for selectman this spring.

But she has continued to function as chairman since no successor has been named. "I'm done, but I haven't been replaced," she says, adding that there is really no formal mechanism to do so. "There are no bylaws, and no term limits," she says.

Meanwhile, the membership of the Association has dropped from a high of about 75 to about 60, and Becker says there is mixed support for some of the downtown events. Bazaar Days, for example, is supposed to be a time when merchants showcase some of their best inventory. But in some cases, she says it is almost the opposite. "Some people, like (shoe merchant) John Daher buy (new product) for it," she says. "But in some cases, it's a bit like a flea market."

Tom Keefe of Addison Travel, who heads the Association's board of directors, says the board is sending out a survey to members "with questions about what direction to go."

Becker hasn't been replaced, he says, "because a lot of people didn't take her seriously (when she said she was quitting). And for various reasons, mostly personal, other people don't think they can do it. It is a time-consuming position," he says.

But he adds that people should not think the Association will collapse. "We have six people on the board," he says. "and we've continued to meet through all this. We will have to look within, but we have other members who take on responsibility of things. The main thing we want is to get people to shop in the downtown."

Selectman Jerry Silverman says the Center Association needs a resurgence. "Last year was tough. There weren't very many who got involved," he says. "We wouldn't have even had Christmas lights if it hadn't been for the *Townsmen*."

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**Larsen — Leadership needed.**

(*Townsmen* Publisher Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III, former editor Perry Colmore and Becker worked together to ensure that the downtown had Christmas lights last year.)

#### Similar lists

Talk to a mix of merchants, public officials and just plain shoppers, and it seems that addressing the needs of downtown shouldn't be all that complicated, since everybody seems to want many of the same things.

Selectman Larry Larsen, who hosts a breakfast for newcomers to town several times a year, says one of the main messages he hears from those people is that they want a real "Main Street" downtown, with an identity.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he regularly hears from constituents that they want a "walkable" downtown.

And of course the merchants want a business district that is healthy enough to let them make a living, and that will offer them the prospect of growth.

How to get it?

There has already been lots of



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Keefe — Center Association won't collapse.**

discussion about that. A "Downtown Merchants Workshop" nearly a year ago, in mid-January, brought a collection of merchants and public officials together to discuss how to create and maintain "a vital center" for the community.

The recommendations for improvement ranged from providing babysitting at Old Town Hall to getting more people to buy dogs, but several broad themes have emerged from that and other discussions:

**Parking** — Becker and others say providing more of it is one of the most important things the town can do for the business district. While there is a sticker parking permit plan in place for merchants, "there are about 75 on the waiting list," Becker says, adding that everybody else just works around the parking enforcement officer.

The suggestion that comes up regularly in interviews with merchants is to create several levels at the Park Street Village lot.

"It makes the most sense to take the lot we have and deck it, as Haverhill has done," says Leed.

At present, however, there are

no specific plans to expand downtown parking.

Becker says it has been discussed, and there were even some rough plans, "but the engineering work has never been done to tell us if we can do it or not."

Larsen says he is "very disappointed with the town's response" to that and other issues, contending that at least some of his selectmen colleagues don't believe it is the responsibility of elected officials to help improve the business climate.

"The merchants have tried," he says, "and it's time now for the bureaucracy to respond. What's needed is leadership."

An "anchor" — Just as the malls have numerous smaller retailers clustered around the giants, Larsen believes Andover's downtown needs something like that as well. "And so far, we don't have it," he says.

There are some reports that the sale last month of the Bernardin Insurance building at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets for \$1.5 million might produce an anchor store in 1998.

But Bill Nabozny, who is managing the property for the buyer, North Bay Properties, says there are so far "no set plans" for the building.

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# CELEBRATING VICTORIAN DAYS AT DOHERTY



◀ Doherty Middle School celebrated Victorian Day before school closed for winter vacation. Dressed as chimney sweeps are Team 7A students and teachers (from left): Taylor Hender, Doug Buchanan, Brendan Gay, Dave Bettencourt, Russell Stevens, Justin Cherney; in front is Dave Aleksa.

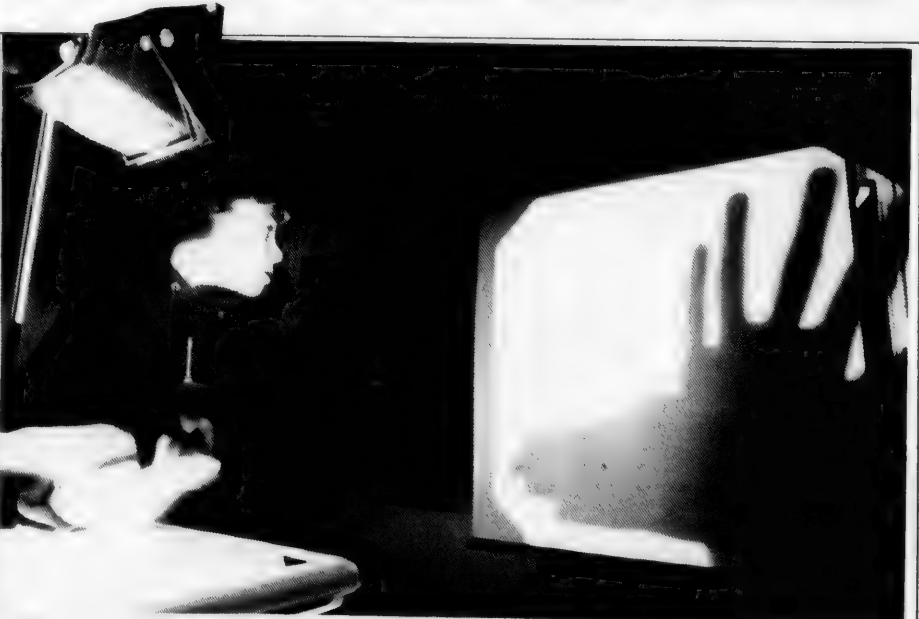
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Caeleigh Stuart played an orphan left on a doorstep by her mother. Doherty students spent the entire day recreating the Victorian period.



From left are Andrea Gerard, Ken Moreland and Stephanie Casper, all dressed in period clothing.



Chris Tripp of Doherty Middle School's 7C class demonstrates how to make a moose shadow. This parlor game was played during the Industrial Revolution.



Sarah Percival, also in 7C, shows off the gingerbread house she made.



# SCHOOL TALK

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet this Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 264.

This month's topic will be the "wish list," organizers said.

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Free citizenship classes will resume Monday, Jan. 5, at Lawrence Public Schools' Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Any legal permanent resident who has lived in the United States for the past five years and is interested in becoming a citizen should call Karen Sheridan at the center at 975-5917.

Classes run for approximately 18 sessions or nine weeks, but are held continuously throughout the school year.

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The Academy of Notre Dame Elementary School, 180 Middlesex Road (Route 3A), in Tyngsboro will hold its annual open house Sunday, Jan. 25, from 1-3 p.m. Applications for kindergarten and open seats in the upper level grades will be accepted at this time. The non-refundable application fee is \$25.

For more information, call Mary Water in admissions at 649-7611.

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Two hundred fifty sixth-graders had the chance to don their costumes early on the

morning of Friday, Oct. 31, but not for trick-or-treating. The special occasion was Doherty Middle School's Biography Day.

This annual event combines learning, fun and a chance for students to take on an entirely new identity for the day. Students are asked to select a famous person from the past or present time, read a biography of this individual, and prepare a speech. The highlight for students is dressing up in a costume reflecting the time period, special interest or career of their famous person.

This year's cast of characters was wide-ranging with surprisingly few duplications. Seen walking the school hallways were Ben Franklin, Sir Francis Drake, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jay Leno, Anne Frank, Harry Houdini, Diane Sawyer, Jackie Robinson, Mother Teresa, Ray Charles, Charles Darwin and Rosa Parks, to name just a few.

Following the students' speeches in their individual classrooms, and a roll call of celebrities, parents and fellow students had the opportunity to interview the well-known people to learn more about their childhood, education and outstanding achievements.

This year's event was a big success, according to event organizers, with about 275 parents in attendance.

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Brooks School junior James

Sixth-graders from Brenda Nieh's class (team 6C) pose in their celebrity attire: front row from left, Alyssa Rastiello as Helen Keller; Ben Hoerner as Leonardo DaVinci; Scott Silverstein as Albert Einstein; Ned Henningsen as Mark Twain; Matt Hill as Steven Spielberg; Abby Reilly as Dominique Moceanu; and Laura Schoenherr as Sacagawea. Back row, Allie Loscutoff as dancer Alicia Alonso; teacher Brenda Nieh, as herself; Stephanie Sweeney as Annie Oakley; and Adrienne Shea as Zlata Filipovic. ▼



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Newburyport author Carolyn Coman visited West Middle students recently. Students had a brown-bag lunch with the author in the school's media center, discussing her work and career.

O'Connor, son of Walter and Suzanne O'Connor of Andover, recently appeared as Denetrius in the Brooks School Theater Department production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The honor-roll student is also involved with winter club and crew.

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Registration is now going on at Essex Art Center in Lawrence for winter programs for children. The eight-week classes will begin the week of Jan. 6 and end the week of March 14. There will also be a February vacation week art camp program for young people.

Call 685-2343 for more information.

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Merrimack College opened its door to the Volpe Complex Friday, Dec. 19, for fourth- and fifth-grade students, teachers and families of Saint Augustine School.

More than 100 enjoyed an afternoon of skating. The atmosphere was festive as holiday music filled the arena and first-time skaters were assisted by classmates as all joined in for the community skate.

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Twelve students from South School participated in an after-school recycling program for eight weeks. Alice Jaffe and Maureen Sundberg created "Recycled Art," a Beyond the Basics course. Students turned trash into artwork as varied as jewelry, sculpture, and Native American-style shakers. They practiced creative problem-solving as they collected clean household and business trash - cartons, egg crates, water bottles, and gift wrap - and applied this alter-

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*'I'm going the wrong way!!!'*



# SCHOOL TALK

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native recycling.

"We wanted to stimulate artistic creativity, show them how to create something exciting and still recycle. The children responded enthusiastically," said Jaffe.

The course culminated in two large totem poles created from scraps, broken objects, discarded boxes, and old paint, and displayed during Andover's America Recycles Day observance.



▲ Sitting, from left: South recyclers are Amy Hannula, Vicky Lucas, Kevin O'Leary, Greg Ragnio, Molly Prudden, Gabriel Siegel, Allison Dovey; standing, Justin D'Addario, Laura Wareham, Madelyn Sundberg, Parveen Bachman.

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The West Elementary PTO sponsored a holiday coffee-tasting before school earlier this month, in the school cafeteria. Parents, teachers and staff were treated to an array of flavored coffees, coffecakes and sweets. In addition to providing an opportu-

◀ West Elementary students Monica Chung and Christina Hung provided violin music during the West Elementary PTO holiday coffee-tasting earlier this month.



nity for parents and teachers to socialize, the purpose of the event was to thank all the members of the West community for their hard work in organizing PTO and school activities this fall. Donations for the event were provided by area merchants. Monica Chung and Christina Hung, fifth-grade students, entertained the audience with a violin recital.

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Kindergarten students at West Elementary recently completed a unit on cultural differences. Students asked parents and grandparents about their cultural background and shared the information with classmates. Students brought in articles from around the world, including toys and clothing, for show and tell. Culminating the study, the kindergartners shared an international feast with ethnic foods prepared by their parents and grandparents. The buffet included Greek pastries, Japanese apples, Chinese fried rice, Oriental spring rolls, Irish soda bread and Indian curried vegetables. The young ambassadors had the opportunity to sample small amounts of whatever they liked and then discussed ways the foods were similar as well as how they are different.

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Parents and teachers from West Elementary sample a variety of specialty coffees and pastries at the school's holiday coffee-tasting.

## Local students named to honor rolls at area schools for the first marking period

Central Catholic High School announced the honor roll for the first marking period. Students attain distinguished honors by getting a grade-point average of 4.0 or better with no grade below "A." High honors requires 3.5 or better grade-point average with no grade below "B+." Students receive honors for a grade-point average of 3.0 or better with no grade below "B."

Andover students named to the honor roll are: Jennifer Anzaldi, distinguished honors;

Kendra Bower, Christina Doherty, Alexander Pannos, high honors; and Scott Bower, Maura McDonald, Sarah Vesty, honors.

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Andover students at Minuteman Science-Technology High School in Lexington were on the honor roll for the first marking period. Freshman Nicholas Pritchard and junior Amy Pritchard received high honors.



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Students in Marilyn Pepper's kindergarten class at West Elementary display items from around the world they brought to celebrate United Nations Day and cultural differences.

## SCHOOL TALK

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During the month of December, students at West Middle School have been focusing on sharing with other children who are less fortunate. The West Middle School student government

sponsored a Toy Dance Dec. 12. Students donated a toy to Toys for Tots as admission to the dance. The dance was well attended, and as a result, hundreds of toys are now being donated to children throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Kids for Kids, a student club that focuses on student activities, alcohol awareness, and community service, held a candy-cane sale at the school and raised \$686, which was donated to *The Eagle-Tribune* Santa Fund. The Santa Fund money is used to buy toys for boys and girls who might otherwise receive none during the holiday season.



West Middle School recently held a Toy Dance at which they collected hundreds of toys for Toys for Tots. Shown here displaying some of the toys are WMS student government officers, from left, Adam Edelstein, treasurer; Hannah Goldstein, vice president; Liza Roberts, secretary; Jennifer Flemming, president.



WMS student government representatives shown with some of the toys are, first row from left, Natasha Pakravan, Hannah Goldstein (vice president), Kristina Araujo, Jennifer Flemming (president; second row, Bethany Hajec, Liza Roberts (secretary), Adam Edelstein (treasurer), Naomi Shin, Mike Gibson, Luke Larsen, Christopher Elias, Justin Roy, and Jeff Sandman.



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31

**New Year's party**, sponsored by Andover Senior Center, noon potluck lunch, entertainment, 36 Bartlet St.; Pat Becker, 623-8321.  
**First Night Portsmouth**; Pro Portsmouth Inc., Portsmouth, N.H., (603) 431-5388.

## FRIDAY, Jan. 2

**Country Western dance**, 7:30-8:30 p.m., lessons in line and couples dances, dancing until midnight, cash bar, North Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North St., North Reading; (978) 664-8561 or (978) 772-2195.

## SUNDAY, Jan. 4

**Selections from Gilbert & Sullivan operas**, presented by Royal Victorian Opera Company, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 623-8401.

## MONDAY, Jan. 5

**West Side Story**, 7:30 p.m., \$37.50, \$27.50, \$17.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell; Ticketmaster outlets or (617/978) 931-2000, groups (978) 937-8688.

**Auditions**, four males and two females needed for comedy *Alone Together*, no pay, some benefits, 7 p.m., Giordano's Starlite Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 2352-7300 or in Mass. 1-800-287-PLAY.

## THURSDAY, Jan. 8

**Meeting**, Newburyport/Haverhill Easter Seal Society Stroke Support Group, 10:30 a.m., Salvation Army Building, Fair Street Extension, 40 Water St., Newburyport; Easter Seal Society 1-800-922-8290.

**Auditions**, students in grades 7-10, Merrimack Junior Theatre production of *Oliver!*, act out one-minute monologue, sing few bars of "My Country 'Tis of Thee (America)", bring non-returnable self-photo, 6-9 p.m., cafeteria, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

## FRIDAY, Jan. 9

**Auditions**, auditorium, see entry under Thursday, Jan. 8.

## SATURDAY, Jan. 10

**Festival of Funny Songwriters**, an evening of humorous songs and satire, 7 p.m., \$15.50, \$14.50, students, seniors \$2 off, Somerville Theater, Davis Square, Somerville; Songstreet (617) 628-3390.

**Small Business Forum**, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Service Corps of Retired Executives #411 and Small Business Development Center, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$25, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 686-0900.

**Free throw competition**, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, T-shirts, trophies in 10 age groups for ages 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., K of C Hall, 10 Brook St.; Chuck Lane (508) 8561 or Will Armstrong 475-2589.

## WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14

**Meeting**, sponsored by Florence Crittenton League, general information on adoption programs of the agency, 7 p.m., Florence Crittenton League, 119 Hall St., Lowell; (978) 452-9671.

## THURSDAY, Jan. 15

**Dinner**, sponsored by League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, featuring Deborah Arnie Arneson, candidate for U.S. Congress from New Hampshire's second district, discussing "Elizabeth Dole and tantalizing tales of women in politics," 6:15 p.m., socializing, 6:45-7:45 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m., coffee, dessert, discussion, \$16 dinner, \$8 coffee and dessert only, Holiday Inn, Tewksbury; Debby Miller 470-8082.

## ONGOING

**Museums and Historic Homes**  
**Andover Historical Society** permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology**, Main and Phillips Streets, *Origins and Ancestors: Investigating Paleo-Indians in New England*, explores the landscape now called New England at the end of the last Ice Age, from 13,000 to 11,000 years ago, and its first inhabitants, particular focus on recent discoveries about these people and their rapidly changing environment, through July 31, 1998, Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., free; 749-

4490.

**North Andover Historical Society**, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

**Lowell National Historic Park**, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, Suffolk Mill Water Power Tour, a 90-minute program, 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, *Child Labor: Documentary Photography and the Quest for Reform*, historical and contemporary views of child labor in the U.S. and around the world through the photographs of Lewis W. Hine and David L. Parker, gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, closed on various holidays, Boot Gallery, 40 Foot of John Street; Suffolk Mill Turbine Exhibit, noon-4:30 p.m.; tours include Nature of the Merrimack; Canal and River Cruise; Harnessing the Merrimack; Pawtucket Canal Tour; Spindle City Bike Series; Suffolk Mill Waterpower Tour; Downtown Tour; Working People Exhibit; Boot Cotton Mills Museum; (978) 970-5000.

**Exploring Lowell**, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

**American Textile History Museum** presents *Textiles in America*, its permanent exhibition of how textiles shaped the lives of people from Colonial times to the present, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed New Year's; \$5 adults 17 and over, \$3 children 6-16, seniors and students with ID; free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

**Wenham Museum**, exhibits feature *Dwellings: Large and Small*, doll houses ranging in age from 1800s to 1930s, architectural models and drawings; *Play Families*, a collec-

tion of Fisher-Price family playsets and pull-toys from 1931 to present; special doll exhibit of original dolls featured on U.S. Post Office's sheet of doll stamps; model and toy train room with three operating layouts; guided tour of 17th-century Claflin-Richards House, one of the oldest on the North Shore; 132 Main St., Wenham, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children (under 3 free), \$3.50, seniors, members free; (978) 468-2377.

**New England Quilt Museum**, *Caryl Bryer Fallert: A Spectrum of Quilts, 1983-1995*, an exhibition of 30 quilts that explores the artist's work, through Jan. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, handicapped parking available, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

**Mogan Cultural Center**, *Acropolis of America "The Greek Community of Lowell" 1930-1940*, sponsored by Hellenic Culture Society and Lowell National Historical Park, through March 15; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 40 French St., Lowell; Lowell National Historical Park (978) 970-5000.

## Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, *Joel Shapiro: Sculpture in Clay, Plaster, Wood, Iron and Bronze, 1971-1997*, through Jan. 4; *The Serial Attitude*, through Jan. 4; gallery talks, educational programming and exhibitions open to the public, free of charge, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4015.

**Lawrence Heritage State Park**, in collaboration with Merrimack Valley Artists, Visitors Center open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; 794-1655.

**Juried art show**, Marian Stewart, assistant curator of Fogg Museum, diverse exhibit of creative arts, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence, free and open to public; Leslie Costello 685-2343.

**Memorial Hall Library**, exhibit of watercolor and pen-and-ink drawings by Lorraine O'Brien of Stoneham, through January; 623-8400.

**Senior Center artists**, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

**Italic Style Calligraphy**, ink lettering, talk to the artist, see poems and favorite sayings transformed into a piece of art, Joan's Art Gallery, 69 Farrwood Drive, Bradford; (978) 521-0215.

**Vertu Fine Art Gallery**, *Carnival and Sky*, photograph exhibit, and Mill #1, The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-3735.

**Brush Art Gallery**, *Alluring Realities: Close Observations of Landscape, Architecture and Canine Companions*, through Jan. 25, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, noon lunch with artist, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

**McQuade Library Art Gallery**, exhibit of motion paintings by Russian-born artist Alex Kanevsky,

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; 837-5000.

## Theatre

**His Majesty's Feast**, interactive medieval dinner theatre, Grill 93, River Road at Route 93, Saturdays 8 p.m., \$35 per person includes dinner show, tax and gratuity; 687-2442.

**The New Orleans Jazz Band**, Wednesday nights, Deco Boston Dinner Theatre, 5 Sylvan Road, Woburn, dancing, light dinner or buffet; (617) 932-9988.

**Cinderella in December**, a comical farce of the fairytale, presented by Theater in the Open, through Jan. 4, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 children and seniors, The Firehouse Center, Market Square, Newburyport; (978) 462-7336.

**My Husband's Wild Desires Almost Drove Me Mad**, Jan. 3-Feb. 1, Thursday-Saturday, dinner, 6:15 p.m., show, 8:30; Sunday, dinner, noon, show, 3 p.m., \$17.95-\$24.95, senior discounts Thursdays and Sundays, student discount, Thursdays, children under 12 discount Sundays, reservations required, Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300 or Mass. only 800-287-PLAY.

## Meetings/Activities

**Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)** meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, North Andover; 475-0875.

**Al-Anon** meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie (978) 851-7655.

**Adult Learning Center**, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

**Andover Great Books Group**, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

**Andover Choral Society**, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Monday evening, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Christy Puntoni 470-8747.

**Caregivers support group**, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 683-7747, Ext. 423.

**Men's woodcarving group** meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 623-8321.

**Newcomers Club of Andover**, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Iannelli 686-2263 or Linda Latta 975-8767.

**Safe Place**, a support group for those who have lost a loved one through suicide, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Parish Rectory House; Samaritans of Merrimack Valley 688-0030.

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## Merrimack Jr. Theatre to hold auditions

The Merrimack Junior Theatre will hold auditions Jan. 8 and 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Doherty Middle School for the spring musical production of *Oliver!*. The production dates are April 3, 4, and 5. Rehearsals begin Jan. 12.

*Oliver!* is based on the Charles Dickens' novel about a poor little boy who is raised in an orphanage and lured into a band of pickpockets and is eventually reunited with his wealthy grandfather.

The musical numbers include such favorites as *Where is Love, You've Got to Pick A Pocket Or Two* and *Who Will Buy?*.

The show includes an array of colorful char-

acters including the Artful Dodger, Oliver's pickpocket mentor; Fagin, who leads the band of street thieves; and the lovely Nancy, who saves Oliver from a life of depravity.

Auditions are open to students in grades 7 through 10. Auditions on Jan. 8 will be held in the cafeteria and on Jan. 9, in the auditorium.

Students should be prepared to act out a short monologue (not more than one minute long) and sing a few bars from *My Country 'Tis of Thee (America)*.

Aspiring actors should bring a non-returnable photo of themselves.

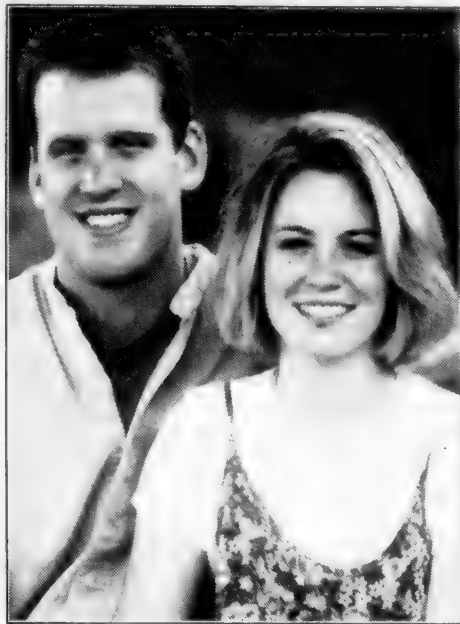
For more information, call MJT president Corinne Gediman at 475-3422.



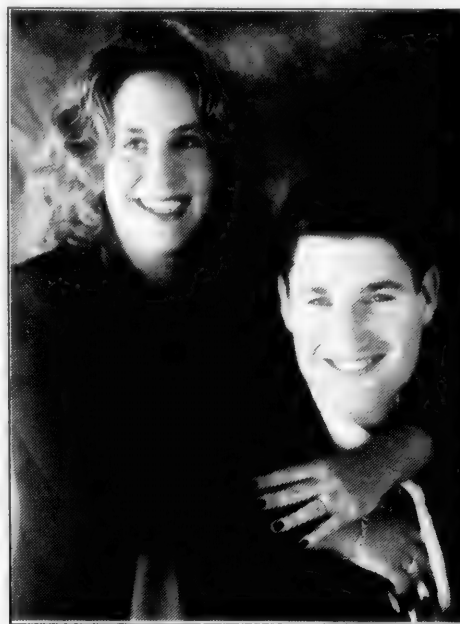
# ENGAGEMENTS



Gregory Manchester and  
Brenda Buschmann



Dennis Aikman and  
Melissa O'Brien



Susan Bromberg and  
Erik Brenner



Pamela Simmons and  
Daniel F. Schaefer

## Buschmann-Manchester

Ralph and Joan Buschmann of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Joan, to Gregory William Manchester, son of Gary Manchester of North Andover and Norma Knoll of Ambler, Pa.

Ms. Buschmann graduated from Andover High School in 1991 and attended Cape Cod Community College. She is a nanny in Andover.

Mr. Manchester graduated from Northeast Regional Vocational High School in 1987. He is a prepress technician with Synergy Graphics in Wilmington.

The couple plan an August wedding.

## O'Brien-Aikman

William and Helen O'Brien of Sandwich announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Kathleen, to Dennis Robert Aikman, son of Donald and Deborah Aikman of North Andover, formerly of Andover.

Ms. O'Brien is a 1991 graduate of Sandwich High School and a 1997 graduate of Salem State College. She is a corporate travel agent for American Express.

Mr. Aikman graduated from Andover High School in 1991 and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 1995. He is operations manager for Alvin Products in Lawrence.

The couple plan a September wedding.

## Bromberg-Brenner

Ellie Bromberg of Andover announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan, to Erik Brenner, son of Ruth and Warren Brenner of Sharon.

Ms. Bromberg is also the daughter of the late Herbert Bromberg. She is a 1989 graduate of Andover High School and a 1993 graduate of University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is employed by Office Specialists as a resident manager at Lotus Development Corp.

Mr. Brenner graduated from Sharon High School in 1989 and from University of Maine at Orono in 1993. He is an MBA candidate at Northeastern University and a senior quality assurance analyst at The New England.

The couple plan an October wedding.

## Simmons-Schaefer

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Simmons, formerly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Daniel F. Schaefer, son of Daniel and Rose Schaefer of Andover.

Ms. Simmons is a graduate of Andover High School, Wilfred Beauty Academy and the Learning Institute of Beauty Sciences. She is employed by Capital Credit Corp.

Mr. Schaefer is a graduate of Austin Preparatory School and Webber College in Florida with a degree in business management.

He is sales and marketing director for Health South Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The couple plan an August wedding.

**Happy 1st Birthday photos for December will be published in next week's issue, Jan. 8.  
The deadline for photos and write-ups is Wednesday, Dec. 31 at noon.**



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# OBITUARIES

## Wilfred E. Lister School administrator also taught chemistry

Wilfred Earl Lister, 91, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Lister was born and educated in Methuen schools and lived there for many years before coming to Andover. He received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1929 and a master's degree from Harvard University in 1931. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Mr. Lister was a teacher and school administrator at Methuen High School before he retired in 1970. He was also a chemist for Massachusetts Department of Public Health and taught chemistry at the former Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing for more than 15 years.

Mr. Lister belonged to Merrimack Valley Principal's Association, Methuen Teachers Club, Massachusetts Teachers Association, New England Association of University Teachers, Dartmouth College Club and Osterville Men's Club.

Members of his family include his wife of 65 years, Edith (Hart) Lister; daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Louise Yelle of Andover; two grandsons; and one great-grandson.

A memorial service was held Sunday in West Parish Church. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home Inc. in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hos-

pice/Visiting Nurses Association, 1 Water St., Haverhill, Mass. 01830.

## Richard Bloom Korean War veteran

Richard Bloom, 68, of Andover died Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Bloom was born in Haverhill. He was a graduate of Haverhill High School and Boston University.

Mr. Bloom served in the Army in Korea and in Japan during the Korean War.

He owned and operated Hershfield's Clothing Store in Lawrence from 1954 to 1972. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis before he closed his business. Legally blind, he earned a master's degree in rehabilitation training from Boston College in 1974 and worked with disabled veterans for the Veterans Administration in Boston from 1975 to 1985.

Mr. Bloom was a member of Temple Emanuel, Jewish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans and Blinded Veterans of America.

Members of his family include his wife, Sylvia (Hershfield) Bloom of Andover; daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Gerald O'Connor of Beverly and Susan and Richard O'Neil of Weymouth; son, Paul Bloom of Austin, Texas; and brother, Arthur Bloom of Arlington.

Services were held Friday in Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Workmen Circle Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Goldman-Fisher Funeral Chapel of Malden.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 400 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Mass.

## Cora B. Matton Skilled seamstress

Cora B. (Ratte) Matton, 94, of Wayland died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at St. Patrick Manor in Framingham.

Mrs. Matton was born in Lawrence. She had lived in Andover for more than 40 years before she moved to Framingham.

Mrs. Matton had worked in the spinning room at Wood Mills.

She was a seamstress who enjoyed crocheting.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Bernardine Matton of Methuen; daughters, Elaine Montague of Wayland and her husband, Paul Montague, and Joan Martins of Ocala, Fla.; sisters, Jeanette Smith of Haverhill and Margaret DuVerga of Winchington; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Fabien Matton, who died in 1965, and mother of the late James Matton and Jeanette MacNamara.

A funeral Mass was said Monday in St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham, Mass.

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Noubar Minassian, 64  
James G. Munroe Sr, 70  
Mary R. Pirri, 87  
Robert K Ronayne, 37

## J. Leo Marcoux Owned building supply company

J. Leo Marcoux of River Road died Friday, Dec. 26, at New England Baptist Hospital. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Marcoux was born in Lawrence and lived in the city most of his life until he moved to Andover in 1977.

He was former co-owner of Andover Street Building Supply and is now co-owner of Hampton Beach Trailer Park in Hampton, N.H.

Mr. Marcoux was a communicant of St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

Members of his family include his wife, Gertrude (McNulty) Marcoux of Andover; son, Michael Marcoux of Andover; brother, Raymond Marcoux of Methuen; sister, Jeanette Parquette of Lawrence; and many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and cousins.

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## Deaths Elsewhere

**MINASSIAN** - Noubar Minassian, 64, of Salem, N.H., died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

**BATISTA** - Lucia Batista, 57, of Somerville died Thursday, Dec. 25, at Massachusetts General Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Batista was a member of Andover Baptist Church.

**GUERRERA** - Aura (Citarella) Guerrero, 84, of North Andover died Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Ann Guerrero and daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Arthur McCabe, all of Andover.

He was employed at Raytheon in Andover for 12 years.

Members of his family include his sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Sarkis Sarkisian of Andover.

**PIRRI** - Mary R. (Bonanno) Pirri, 87, of Bristol, R.I., died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Wingate at Andover.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Anthony N. and Catherine H. Pirri of Andover.

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# OBITUARIES

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in Lowell were followed by a funeral Mass in St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Tewksbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Brigid School, 1088 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, Conn. 06110.

## James G. Munroe Sr. Built many area homes

James G. Munroe Sr., 70, of Methuen died Saturday, Dec. 27, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Munroe was born in Lawrence and raised and educated in Andover.

He served in the Navy in World War II.

Mr. Munroe was a carpenter and home builder throughout the Merrimack Valley before he retired.

He enjoyed deep sea fishing.

Members of his family include his sons and daughters-in-law, James G. and Ann Munroe Jr., and Richard A. and Brenda Munroe, all of Methuen, and Robert J. and Jean Munroe of Lawrence; daughters, Diane Lavoie of Derry, N.H., Denise Nadeau of Londonderry, N.H., and her husband, Gill Nadeau, and Judi Holt of Methuen and her husband, Liam Holt; brothers, Allen Munroe of Melbourne, Fla., and Richard Munroe of Andover; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the widower of Theresa F. (Beliveau) Munroe.

Cremation took place at Linwood Crematory in Haverhill.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 1 Water St., Haverhill, Mass. 01830.

## Robert K Ronayne Computer technician, enjoyed writing and painting

Robert Kevin Ronayne, 37, of 55 Center Street died Thursday at his home.

A computer technician by trade, he enjoyed writing and painting.

Born in Medford, he lived in Andover for the past three years.

He leaves his father Edward J. of Andover, his mother Barbara Baggs of Shapleigh, Maine, brothers John R. of Sanford, Maine, Edward of Cambridge, sisters Jane Rose of North Waterboro, Maine, Juile Cook of

Rochester, N.H., several aunts and uncles, one nephew and several cousins.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday at the R.M. Edgerly & Sons Funeral Home, 86 South Main St., Rochester, N.H.

A funeral service will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church, North Main Street, Rochester, N.H. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Barrington, N.H., in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Home for Little Wanderers, Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

## Margaret S. Hatch Worked at Tyer Rubber

Margaret Saunders (Cargill) Hatch, 84, of 256 North Main St. died yesterday at Wingate of Andover.

Mrs. Hatch worked for 38 years at the Tyer Rubber Co. in Andover which later became Converse Rubber.

Born and educated in Andover, she was a member of the Free Christian Church there.

The widow of Calvin G. Hatch, she leaves a daughter Jane Bishop of Haverhill, sisters Helen Twigg and Elizabeth Pettoruto, both of Andover, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Free Christian Church in Andover. Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

Friends may call Friday between 3 and 6 p.m. at the Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-1943.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

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**North Shore Chorus** rehearsals, women over 18 who enjoy singing and performing, can "carry a tune," have good sense of humor, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

**AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group**, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 470-2626.

**The Greater Lawrence Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI)**, meets every third Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 7-9 p.m., 475-0875.

**Amnesty International**, Merrimack Valley Chapter; meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 475-6960.

**Separated and divorced ministry meeting**, support group meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m., Parish Center, 1 St. Augustine Drive, all are welcome; Chuck 685-7238, or Klara 475-7358.

**Greater Lawrence Camera Club**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Faith Morgida 687-2377 or Richard Morton 664-3140.

**Nicotine Anonymous**, meets weekly, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., 7:15-8:30 p.m.; 475-0183.

**Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood**, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger (978) 372-2648.

**Country-western dancing**, El Dorado Room, Old Nashua Road, Dracut, Sundays, 7 p.m., couples and line-dance lessons, cash bar; (978) 772-2195.

**Country-western dancing**, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

**Divorce/separation recovery support group**, sponsored by Free Christian Church and Willowdale Center for Psychological Services, 7-9 p.m., \$20 meeting, \$40 registration fee, Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; 475-0700.

**Folk dance**, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen Avenue, Wilmington; 658-8583 or 658-3480.

**Lowell Opera Company** rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required,

First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

**The Merrimacks 978 Toastmasters Club** public-speaking skills meetings, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover, 7-9 p.m.; Pat Meredith 681-8014.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club**, meets every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

**Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild**, third Tuesday of the month; Lee Oullette 458-6183 or Jane McCord 942-1349.

**Newburyport Civil War Roundtable**, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723 or Kevin Brightney 465-2215.

**Mother of Twins Club**, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco (617) 245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

**Nicotine Anonymous**, a support group to help you stop the nicotine habit, meets every Wednesday evening, 7-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.; Judy Kaplan 470-0967.

**North Reading Community Chorale** invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; (978) 664-3594.

**Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, Merrimack Valley Chapter holds monthly meetings, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

**Psoriasis support group**, sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 475-2774.

**Reading arthritis support and education group**, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m.; at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess (617) 944-0653, Reading Elder Services (617) 942-9056 or Arthritis Foundation, 1-800-766-9449.

**Square-dancing**, teens, couples, and singles, Mondays, Amvets Hall, Primrose Street, Haverhill, 8 p.m.; Jeanne (617) 279-4328 or Eddie 774-7266.

**Bridge game and lessons**, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

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# Andover's Ins and Outs of 1997

By Neil Fater

With New Year's Eve on tap tonight, many Andover residents are preparing to ring in the new year with a night out on the town.

But what else has been rung in and out this year?

To help old acquaintances be remembered by those of forgetful minds, the Townsman took a quick look at some of what was in and out during 1997.

To the chagrin of some and the pleasure of others, some of Andover's downtown landmarks were Out, sent into the town history books by plans for new shopping areas. Among those out of the present and into the memory bank were the old bowling alley building and Morris Krinsky's junkyard plot, both of Park Street fame. Neither were in use during the year, and some downtown businesses are looking forward to new business that could attract more shoppers to the area.

For many of Andover's long-time public faces, retirement was definitely In, as several public figures elected to move Out of office following years of public service.

Susan Dalton, the first female to serve as chairwoman of both the selectmen and the School Committee during her public career, decided not to run again for School Committee in 1997 after a controversial last term. Two new committee members came In, bringing with them a heaping helping of consensus that ultimately seemed to wear out its welcome.

Late in 1997, Selectmen Chairman Jerry Silverman followed in Dalton's footsteps announcing he will not run in 1998, leaving the door open for new blood to flow In.

New blood will be In during 1998, too, as others will officially leave their positions. Long-time and respected Andover and North Andover educator Dick Neal will retire as superintendent after just three years as leader of the school department. His announcement was something of a surprise because when Neal, an Andover resident, was hired, proponents said one of the reasons for it was to prevent frequent turnover in the position.

A new police chief will also be In next year because James Johnson is Out, having announced his early retirement.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Only a memory now — The old bowling alley on Park Street came down this year, to make way for new development.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Metzemaekers — She arrived in July.

Also for the police department, controversy was In during 1997. A survey showing dissatisfaction with the top officers, a lawyer for the patrolmen's union appearing before the selectmen, and debate over who should become the next chief were some of the issues spread out throughout the year.

Meanwhile, Housing Authority directors were both In and Out — and quickly — with several heads filling the role until Christine Metzemaekers was appointed in July.

All over town, but particularly in the



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Silverman — He's leaving in April.

downtown area, motorists were going Out of their minds stuck In traffic. That's because the town, the state, the gas company and the new cable company all made large-scale downtown road work In-style during 1997.

Along those lines Media One was In, and tried to bulk up the services offered to residents, but many people were put Out with the company's initial service.

On the toy front, electronic Fidos and Fluffys were In during the early days of 1997, but later were Out, sent to the children's collective dog house.

"Virtual pets were real hot and they're definitely not now," says Chip Will, owner of Andover's Learning Express. "Beanie Babies were hot and they still are and they probably will be for some time."

As a rule, says Will, educational toys are also In, seemingly gaining in popularity here in Andover during the past few years.

For other youth, skate boarding and in-line skating were still In, though users of the equipment are still used to being kicked Out of different areas. But criticizing 'boarders and skaters in the downtown was Out, as even selectmen offered support for a skating park.

Unfortunately Andover fires were frequently In the news, forcing fire fighters to put them Out. The Burke and Vose families lost their homes in a July 4 weekend fire, and real estate agent Linda Cutter saw her house engulfed later in the year. During the final months of 1997, two 15-year-old Andover males were charged with setting fire to a number of buildings, cars and trash bins in the downtown area. They were arrested.

On the building front, developing new and old sites for business was In. New and expanded facilities were built or planned for large corporations including PictureTel, Putnam Investments and Boston Properties.

"It was a year of industry and commercial development more than anything else," says Steve Colyer, planning director. "The housing market certainly wasn't going gangbusters."

Because space dried up in the 128 area, Colyer says developers have turned eager eyes to sites in Andover.

Long-abandoned buildings such as the bowling alley site, the old Tyer Rubber site, and buildings on Lowell Junction Road were either refurbished or had plans filed on them with the intent of filling the buildings with new businesses.

Colyer says "spec. buildings," buildings created by developers before the developer knows for sure they have a tenant, also were In during '97.

"If there was anything to see that stood out, it was the spec. market coming back this year," he says. "It's the sign of a good economy, but it's also a sign that the developers saw the window open again."

## Sad goodbyes ...

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the field were measured by the distance he threw his clipboard, his moments of compassion for students' frustrations were often reserved for one-on-one conversations. Former students say he taught values like discipline, dedication, grit, sportsmanship and competitiveness that served to inspire generations of students.

Another Andover resident who dedicated their life to young Andoverites was Norma Vining, who died at age 42 on July 2 in a car accident. Her family and friends say they lost a devoted mother and volunteer who brightened lives of adults and children alike.

Her home was renamed "camp sunshine" and was



Kearn — work with the Pops.

known by many who learned to swim through the YMCA, which used her swimming pool to give lessons.

She was known to many as their "second mom," and to just as many as a volunteer with limitless energy for others.

Lifelong Andover resident Stephen Kearn, who chaired the 350th Boston Pops Committee, died at 48 on March 22. He was a former member of the West Parish Garden Cemetery board of directors, and coordinated the restoration of the arch to the cemetery's entrance. He was active in Little League with the American Legion Post 8 in and VFW Post 2128. He is buried in West Parish Cemetery.



Foster — books for kids.

Author Lucile Foster, an Andover resident for 11 years, published a children's book and a book of fiction, and was recognized for her work in poetry and in oil and watercolor paintings. She died at 89 on Nov. 23.

The second grade at West Elementary School was also mourning this year the loss of classmate Christina Capozzi, 8, who died of complications from a heart transplant Oct. 31. She was known for her constant smile and willingness to hug anyone who needed it, friends say.

Christina, who had a love of rainbows, delivered one over the skies of Andover to her loved ones who all saw it on the day she was buried.



# Desperately seeking to keep the 'viable retail district'

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"The new owners (who include local ophthalmologist Mark Abelson) are evaluating the building before making any plans," he says, adding that they hope to have some tentative plans "within a month."

Local officials, including Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Town Planner Stephen Colyer hadn't heard from the new owners at midweek.

**"The Mix"** — There has been considerable discussion this year about "financial" institutions taking over the streetscape. Larsen, with the approval of a number of merchants, has argued that the town should block further expansion of financial businesses on the first floor.

Quinlan, since he's in the insurance, might be expected to disagree a bit, and he does, but only a bit.

"I don't think financial all the way down the street is a good thing either," he says, "but I think it's a bit more complicated than zoning."

And that leads to other issues ...

**Marketing** — While most merchants say they appreciate the work and the events the Center Association has produced, they also tend to agree that they need to broaden their appeal.

"The issue may be that you're always getting the same people," Quinlan says. "The task is to get different people."

**Ambiance** — Into this category fall things like litter, maintenance, sidewalks and design.

"The sidewalks have to be nice and inviting. The crossing lanes should always be freshly painted," Fossella says. "If they're all faded, it looks awful."

Leed adds that there needs to be "something visual that makes everything look like it runs together. The downtown is very short, which is positive, but from Bertucci's to my block, which isn't very far, there's a lack of continuity."



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Continuity** — Royal Jewelers co-owner Steve Leed, shown with sister and co-owner Paula, says the downtown needs a sense of visual unity.

ity."

Becker notes that the town center doesn't have a whole lot of places besides Old Town Hall for just "milling around. Things like bike paths, places to walk dogs, merchants with stuff outside, places to sit, good trash barrels — things like that encourage people to come here."

**What will be done?**

At least some of these issues will be

addressed within the next 24 months. The town, with the help of a \$2.5-million state grant, will be improving sidewalks, lighting and streets.

Stapczynski says there will be at least two public hearings during the design phase, in 1998, and construction will take probably the next two years.

And it is almost a certainty that there will be an article on the 1998 Town Meeting warrant asking for approval to limit financial businesses on the first floor of downtown buildings.

"We have to guard against further expansion of that," Larsen says, "because you can't have a viable retail district otherwise."

That may be a tough sell, however, since landlords are fond of getting as much rent as they can for their property, and financial institutions tend to be able to pay higher rents.

But beyond that, the "downtown of the future" will apparently take more than meetings, and more than rhetoric.

"It's a constant battle," Stapczynski says of maintenance and cleaning. "It's like having a big old house — there's always something to do."

But he also says the town "can't be a Big Brother. The evolution of the downtown 'has to come from the stakeholders, those who shop, own, run businesses and provide

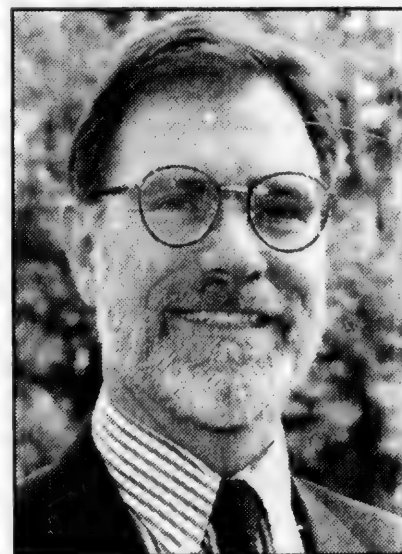


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**Stapczynski — seeking the "walkable" downtown.**

the utilities."

Fortunately, we're enjoying the fruits of a good economy, so we don't have an immediate crisis. In the early '90s it was 'Who's next to go?' while the problem now is how to provide parking.

Keefe adds, along with others, that residents, political leaders and merchants ignore the town center at their peril. "Andover is unique," he says, "because it does have a nice downtown. When you look around, you see some towns that have lost them, and they wish they had them back."

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# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - At 12:16 a.m., after an accident on Bannister Road, Matthew B. Kenney, 21, of Country Hollow Lane, Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

Friday, Dec. 26 - At 9:19 p.m., two 17-year-old Andover males were arrested at Pumps Pond. Both John N. Dartnell, 6 Redgate Drive, and Michael J. Medugno, 9 Crescent Drive, were charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Saturday, Dec. 27 - At 12:49 a.m., Glenn D. Drabik, 43, of 40 Amici Way, Andover, was arrested on Railroad Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 11:11 p.m., Terrence P. LeBlanc, 22, of Stearns Avenue, Lawrence, was arrested in Elm Square and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and driving with a suspended license.

At 11:38 p.m., Sean P. Barry, 20, of Mercury Terrace, Haverhill, was arrested in Elm Square and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Sunday, Dec. 28 - At 11:56 a.m., Luz D. Romero, 22, of Macy Terrace, Amesbury, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant.

Monday, Dec. 29 - At 12:38 a.m., an officer reported being behind a Chevy that was "all over the road." Then, Juan J. Trufel, 38, of 13 Brechin Terrace, Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and

charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to keep right with view obstructed.

At 3:23 a.m., Jorge H. Quinones, 33, of Carl Avenue, Brockton, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license and speeding.

## INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - At 3:20 p.m., an Elysian Drive resident reported a neighbor yelling and screaming at kids. An officer talked to the neighbor.

At 9:15 p.m., a snowplow driver reported an apparently intoxicated Cricket Circle man who was upset because the plow driver's husband and his larger truck had not been by to clear his driveway. The plow driver's vehicle was too small to handle the man's driveway. The woman said the man "became very verbal and hostile with me."

At 9:36 p.m., a detective cited the Tage Inn for a bylaw violation because the establishment was using a coin-operated pool table without a proper license.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - At 6:11 p.m., a cab company reported that the Ground Round on South Main Street had called a cab for a patron who was now refusing the ride and trying to get into his own car. An officer reported the man did leave in the taxi.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - At 12:41 p.m., there was a car and house fire on Boston Road.

At 2:56 p.m., an officer was to assist the fire department to investigate whether someone now in

(Continued on page 24)

## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, January 8, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MARLENE JORDAN, 90 North Street, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law and/or a variance under Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 90 NORTH STREET, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 128 as Lot 14.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
December 24 & 31, 1997

## TOWN OF ANDOVER



## PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81W, the Planning Board will convene a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, to consider modification, amendment or rescission of the

alleged constructive approval of a 13-lot definitive subdivision plan entitled Willoughby Estates dated April 17, 1997, said plan prepared by Christiansen & Sergi, and comprised of properties owned now or formerly by Green Trust, Trustees of Phillips Academy, and Elizabeth Manning, located off Prides Circle South. The motion of the Planning Board on this matter and all other documents and plans related thereto may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
Michael H. Miller, Esq., Chairman  
December 24 & 31, 1997

## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A continued public hearing will be held in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, January 8, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of GEORGE J. COOKE, Jr., 8 Dufton Road, Andover, MA as a party aggrieved by a decision made by the Inspector of Buildings or other authority regarding the enforcement of a special permit granted by the Board of Appeals on May 7, 1993, decision #2339.

Premises affected are located at 2-6 DUFTON ROAD, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 19 as Lot 3.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN  
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## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated April 26, 1994 given by MONTE I. RADACK and ALICE C. RADACK to EQUITY ONE, filed with the Essex North County Registry of Deeds, Land Court Department, as Document No. 58730, which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m., on the 9th day of January, 1998, at the subject premises, being 16 Wyncrest Circle, Andover, Massachusetts, being the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Andover and shown as Lot 44 on "Plan of Land in Andover, Mass., being a subdivision of Lot 1B as shown on Land Court Plan, No. 4162-E and Lot B as shown on Land Court Plan No. 4162-F", November 4, 1981, which plan is registered with Northern Registry District of Essex County as Plan No. 4162-4, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by Wyncrest Circle in three courses, sixty-eight and 10/100 (68.10) feet, Twenty-nine and 18/100 (29.18) feet and Thirty-five and 42/100 (35.42) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by Lot 45, Two hundred forty and 00/100 (240.00) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot 43, Two hundred ten and 00/100 (210.00) feet.

For Mortgagees title, see Certificate of Title No. 9652, filed with the Land Registration Office, Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 67, Page 213.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time

and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, municipal liens, real estate taxes and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice and Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys, Favaloro & Schreiber, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) to be paid in cash or certified check at the time and place of sale and the balance to be paid in cash or certified check at the time of the delivery of the deed, in or within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale, and shall be deposited in an escrow account with the firm of Favaloro & Schreiber, 348 Park Street, Suite 108 East, North Reading, Massachusetts. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at sale.

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By their attorneys,  
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Favaloro & Schreiber  
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December 18, 24, 31, 1997

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT PETITION TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN

[SEAL]

No. 114695 T.L.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to any former stockholders, officers, creditors, and any other persons claiming any interest in Corinna Construction Corp., a dissolved Massachusetts corporation formerly located in Andover, Essex County, and said Commonwealth; William Konstantinakis, as he is President and Treasurer of said Corinna Construction Corp., now or formerly of Andover, Essex County, and said Commonwealth; Arthur C. Sullivan, as he is Clerk of Said Corinna Construction Corp., now or formerly of Lowell, Middlesex County, and said Commonwealth; and as they are both officers and directors of said Corinna Construction Corp.; or their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by the Town of Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceedings described in said petition in and concerning a certain parcel of land situated in said Andover, in the County of Essex and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said petition as follows:

Land in said Andover at 10 Gina Jo Way, shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors' Map 226, being Parcel B on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, Pl. 8991.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), on or before the sixteenth day of February next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in said Andover.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this twenty-third day of December in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.  
Recorder  
Counsel for Plaintiff: Coppola and Coppola, 40 South Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

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Premises affected are located at 373 SO. MAIN STREET, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 81 as Lot 32.

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Caroline Schiffgens, C.D.A. (left) and Sandra Goutier, C.D.A. at the infection control station.

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# POLICE LOG

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Florida, but who lives on Greenwood Road, had left their coffee pot on.

At 3:45 p.m., after several calls regarding poor road conditions in a number of neighborhoods the police paged Andover's highway general foreman.

At 4:20 p.m., a caller reported she was jogging with her sisters on Abbot Street and stopped for a conversation with a male at the corner of Abbot and Phillips streets. When they turned back after leaving, they saw the man masturbating. Police got a description of the white male.

At 6:05 p.m., a New Hampshire woman reported she was assaulted on Brookside Drive.

At 9:44 p.m., the highway general foreman was notified about icy conditions.

Friday, Dec. 26 - At 1:03 a.m., a River Road caller reported an intoxicated female walking in the middle of the road. An officer reported the female was fine and was trying to avoid the ice. She was given a lift to the Lawrence line.

At 10:28 a.m., police received a call from a New Hampshire auto dealer about a car of his that Andover police had found around 2 a.m. Christmas morning at the corner of Cardinal Lane and Dascomb Road. The dealer said a customer had taken the vehicle for a test drive and never returned.

At 5:02 p.m. and 5:44 p.m., police received "pink slips" to serve to two separate Andover men so they could be evaluated at the mental health unit of Lawrence General Hospital.

Saturday, Dec. 27 - At 11:07

a.m., a woman reported wanting the father of her children removed from her house.

At 11:21 a.m., an Abbot Street caller reported "some kind of industrial accident." A employee for ASA Associates had cut off his right thumb and index finger while working.

At 12:50 p.m., a strong sewer smell was reported on River Road. The water treatment plant was notified.

At 1:39 p.m., a B & M Railroad employee reported two females about 13 years old playing chicken with the train. "They waited until the very last minute to move and then returned to the tracks after the train went by," said the log. An officer spoke with the two youths.

At 3:56 p.m., a bylaw violation was issued on Lancaster Place "as a result of their alarm system sounding since Tuesday, Dec. 23."

At 12:16 p.m., a Cassimere Street caller reported someone had cut her dog loose and left the knife they used in her yard.

Sunday, Dec. 28 - At 1:29 a.m., at Bancroft School an officer saw parking violators in the school's lot. An officer reported speaking with the occupants who were "just getting to know each other."

At 2:27 a.m., security for a River Road company requested an officer after a pot pipe fell out of a jacket that had no identification in it.

At 5:47 a.m., a North Main Street man came into the station to report lights flashing at the new strip mall near the North Main Dunkin Donuts. An officer reported that there was no fire but that the fire alarm was activated and "all the sprinkler systems are going on."

At 5:23 p.m., a Harding Street female reported being stalked by a

male she did not know.

Monday, Dec. 29 - At 2:10 a.m., an officer was unable to see anyone in a gas station on River Road. An attendant was asleep behind the display "unable to hear the phone, sirens or banging on the window," according to the police log.

## BREAKS

There were no reported breaks this week.

## CAR BREAKS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - At 5:31 p.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported from Minuteman Drive. Shortly after midnight the car was recovered

in Lawrence.

At 10:06 p.m., someone at the Grill 93 reported that within the last 90 minutes or so, someone had broken into a Jeep and probably tried to steal it. There was damage to the car's ignition.

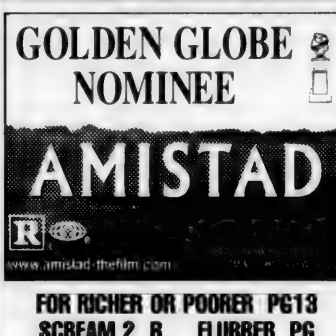
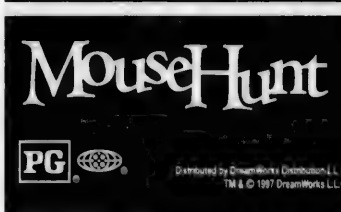
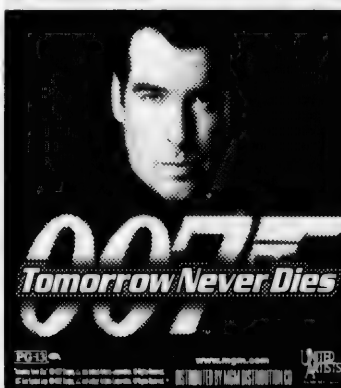
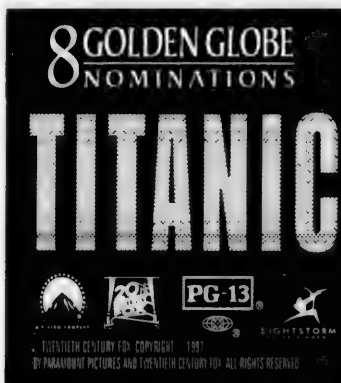
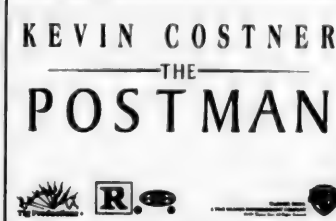
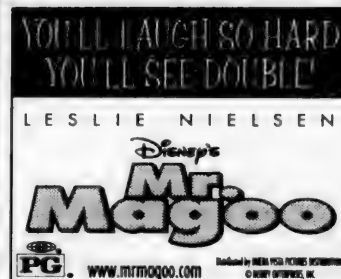
Wednesday, Dec. 24 - At 9:48 p.m., a woman reported a car break on Bulfinch Drive.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - At 8:42 a.m., someone came into the station and reported a license plate stolen.

At 12:23 p.m., a construction company

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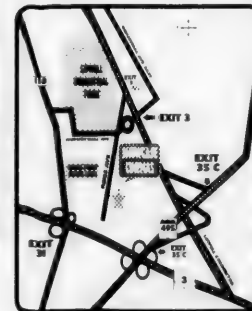
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# POLICE LOG

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reported receiving a bogus check.

Saturday, Dec. 27 - At 10:35 a.m., someone reported car covers taken from a Longwood Drive home.

Sunday, Dec. 28 - At 6:13 p.m., a Central street male reported his skis missing from a ski rack.

Monday, Dec. 29 - At 4:28 p.m., a woman reported her wallet taken while she was at a Pearson Street business.

## ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - At 9:43 a.m., a car went off of River Street near the Shawsheen River, reportedly damaging an electrical pole. Because of a heavy snowstorm, there were more than a half dozen other minor accidents, as well as a pedestrian hit by a car on Main Street, and an accident on Snowberry Road

involving a snowplow that caused personal injury. Trees and limbs were also reported down around town.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - At 5 a.m., a caller reported a car crashed into a Gould Road telephone pole, but no one was around the vehicle. Police had the vehicle towed.

At 9:53 a.m., an Andover Street resident reported an accident in front of their house. An ambulance was dispatched to the area, and a towing company was sent to pull the vehicle out of a snowbank. There were also several other minor accidents during Christmas Eve day, including a three-car accident.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - At 10:09 a.m., state police requested assistance with a roll-over accident on Interstate 93 North between Dascomb Road and Route 133.

Friday, Dec. 26 - At 12:57 p.m., a caller reported that his kids said someone in another car had hit their car while their mother was away from the car downtown.

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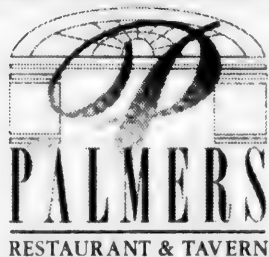
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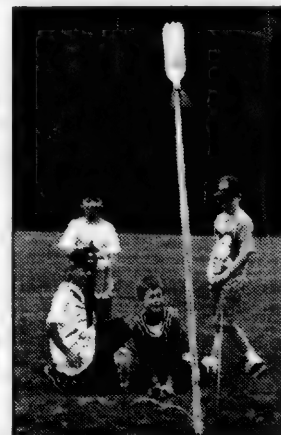
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## SPORTS

**AHS Roundup:****Lady W's win Christmas title; icemen looking for third straight win**

By Rick Harrison

Tournament MVP Sarah Muller scored 12 points and passed out 10 assists as the undefeated Andover High women's varsity basketball team out-battled archrival Methuen, 61-54, in the Greater Lawrence Holiday Festival championship game at Salem, N.H. High.

Sarah and twin sister Charlotte, who poured through a game-high 23 points and handed out seven assists, led the Lady Warriors to their third straight Christmas title and their 28th consecutive regular season victory.

Charlotte was named to the All-Tour-

namment Team, while Laura Orlando (12 points, five rebounds, five steals, four assists) earned the tourney Coaches Award.

Elsewhere, the Andover High varsity hockey team rebounded smartly from an unceremonious thumping at the hands of North Middlesex Regional in its season opener to register a pair of lopsided Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division II vacation-week victories over Concord-Carlisle (8-0) and Boston Latin (6-1).

The twin wins gave the Golden Warriors, 2-1 overall, the early lead in the division race with a 2-0 league record.

"It's good to have the boys back. The boys are back in town," said head coach Bill Cullen after the thrashing of C-C.

The reference was to the dozen players, sidelined against North Middlesex for disciplinary reasons dating back to last season, who returned for Concord and Latin.

The AHS men's hoopsters reached the final of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival before dropping

a hotly-contested 61-59 decision to defending tourney champ Central Catholic in the championship game.

The track teams are both 2-1 following recent dual meets with Methuen (split) and Dracut (sweep).

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Andover was seeking its third straight win when

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# AHS Roundup ...

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the locals returned to the ice today (1:45 p.m.) for an MVC/DCL inter-division game against Central Catholic (2-1 record), and Saturday night the Golden Warriors will face Division II rival Methuen (1-1) at the Rangers' rink (6:45 p.m.).

## Scoring leaders

Brad Dunn is the scoring leader with five points, on five assists, while tied for second with four points each after three games are Keith Espinola (3-1-4), Adam Colucci (2-2-4), Scott Petersen (1-3-4) and Mike Sheehy (1-3-4).

## Andover 6

### Boston Latin 1

The Golden Warriors, protecting a slim 2-1 lead after two periods, scored four goals in the final session to win this MVC/DCL Division II game going away.

Marty Lastrina and Jon Ofria led the offense at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena, both netting their first two goals of the season, while sophomore wing Brad Dunn handed out four assists.

Senior 6'5" defenseman and team Captain Adam Colucci erased an early 1-0 deficit with a goal at 9:51 of the first period, assists to Gold Line forwards James Tamarro and Captain Doug Henderson.

Lastrina scored the eventual game-winner, and put AHS ahead 2-1, when he snapped home the rebound of a Dunn shot at 8:00 of the middle period.

"Dunn made an outstanding effort on the goal," said Cullen. "He was hooked and knocked down by a Latin player, but still managed to get a shot off and put it on net. The goalie made the initial save, but Lastrina was there to bang home the rebound."

Scott Petersen's first goal of the season opened the four-goal third stanza at 1:29, and Ofria then sandwiched his pair (5:06 and 13:51) around another by Lastrina (10:05).

"We scored most of our goals from scrambles," said Cullen, "the result of good hustle by our kids."

"This was a very good win because Latin (1-2) is picked to win our division of the league."

Matt Adams contributed two assists for Andover and Petersen had one.

"Our first line didn't score a goal but they kept the other guys off the board with their tight checking. That was a

key," said Cullen.

Junior goaltender Mike Johnson played the entire game and finished with 24 saves as Andover outshot the Wolfpack, 33-25.

## Andover 8

### Concord-Carlisle 0

Junior defenseman Mike Mallon and junior forward Keith Espinola scored two goals each, while netminder Mike Johnson played 42 minutes and stopped all 13 shots he faced, as the locals pounded out the victory over MVC/DCL Division II rival Concord-Carlisle at Merrimack College.

It took the locals a little more than 10 minutes to get warmed up against Concord-Carlisle, but once they did the Golden Warriors pumped home three goals only 2:54 apart late in the first period.

Junior center Mike Sheehy scored the only goal necessary at 10:33 of the opening stanza, assists to Espinola and twin brother Tim Sheehy.

Mallon followed with a pair of goals 39 seconds apart, the first unassisted at 11:48 and the second from freshman Jon Ofria at 12:27.

Three second-period goals were also bunched together, coming just 2:01 apart midway through the session.

Senior Red Line right wing Matt Adams made it 4-0 at 6:49, assists to sophomore linemate Brad Dunn and freshman defenseman Brendan Gleason.

Adam Colucci followed with his first goal of the young season at 7:59, setups to Tim Sheehy and senior blueliner Scott Petersen.

Espinola's first goal of the game was assisted by Mike Sheehy and Colucci at 8:50.

Junior forward James Tamarro joined the scoring parade at 7:43 of the third frame, setups to Colucci and senior Gold Line forward/Captain Scott Ciruso.

Espinola completed the onslaught with 3:32 to play, netting his second goal of the game from Mike Sheehy and Mallon.

"It was good to see Gleason and Ofria, a couple of freshmen, play well and pick up their first varsity points," said Cullen.

Sophomore goaltender Chris Salini worked the final three minutes in net

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## Free throw competition set for Jan. 10

The Knights of Columbus will hold the Andover Free Throw Competition Saturday, Jan. 10, at the K of C Hall, 10 Brook St., from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

T-shirts and trophies will be awarded in 10 age groups for boys and girls ages 10-14. Admission is free and all participants will receive a certificate of participation.

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The Andover competition has produced

four state champions in the last eight years. The athletes include Sean Ryan, a recent graduate of St. Anselm's and the school's basketball star; Brendan Long, a starting guard for Andover High School; Mark McGarry, a sophomore at the University of Vermont who is active in snowboarding and who was a four-year, cross-country runner at AHS; and Mike Foley, a student in North Andover.

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## AHS Roundup: Dramatic rally not enough for men's hoopsters in Christmas tourney

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but didn't have to make a save.

Andover finished with a wide 47-13 shots-on-goal edge. C-C netminder Drew Busa made 39 saves to keep it respectable.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The first of what should be three titanic struggles against Methuen this season was decided in the final four minutes, when the Lady Warriors broke a 51-51 tie with a 10-3 closing run.

Both teams were undefeated entering the showdown. Andover emerged unscathed with a 5-0 record, while the Rangers fell to 5-1 overall.

"These Andover/Methuen games are fun to watch," said AHS coach Jim Tildsley. "The intensity of the rivalry keeps growing and the quality of play keeps getting better."

The locals reached the championship game with a routine 48-23 triumph over host Salem, N.H. in the semifinal round.

#### Schedule

Andover returns to action on Friday night with a non-league game at the Dunn Gym against visiting Bishop Fenwick of Peabody (7:30 p.m.).

Merrimack Valley Conference play resumes next Tuesday night with another major challenge at perennial powerhouse Haverhill (7:30).

#### Scoring leaders

Charlotte Muller continues to lead the way with 77 points, while Kristen Foley has 48, Sarah Muller and Laura Orlando 32 each and Janice Coppolino 30.

#### Christmas Festival Championship Game

##### Andover 61

##### Methuen 54

"Winning the Christmas Tournament was our first goal of the season," said Tildsley, who hopes to follow this title with league, North Division I and state championships in late February and early March.

"Our kids really showed a lot of grit in the closing minutes. I'm very proud of the way they kept their poise and composure, hanging tough when Methuen made its move in the second half. Our experience under pressure was a big help," said Tildsley.

New Hampshire rules were in force during the tournament because the games were held in Salem. The two major differences were four quarters, instead of two halves, and no shot clock.

The latter circumstance worked in Andover's favor down the stretch, when the champs were able to protect the slim lead by holding the ball for long periods of time until Methuen was forced to come out and foul.

"Our kids showed excellent discipline when we were using the clock," said Tildsley. "They were patient, moved the ball around and eventually drew the fouls."

Although the Lady Warriors shot a poor 4-for-12 at the line, MVP Sarah Muller hit three crucial charities to help preserve the win.

Andover emerged from a seesaw first quarter with a 16-12 lead, and boosted the advantage to 37-30 by halftime after a wide-open second period.

The locals were ahead 43-34 midway through the third quarter when they suddenly — and uncharacteristically — went ice cold from the floor. The Rangers took off on a 11-0 run to inch ahead, 45-43.

"Methuen was hot and we were missing shots," said Tildsley. "Sometimes that can be infectious. We were getting good looks (at the basket), but the shots weren't falling and the kids were frustrated."

Andover got back on track in the fourth period (18-9 scoring edge), trading hoops with the Rangers until a putback by 6'3" senior center Kristen Foley snapped a 51-51 tie and gave AHS the lead for good.

Foley's bucket initiated a 7-0 run that made it 58-51 with 2:55 to play, setting the stage for the partial freeze and Muller's clutch foul shot.

Foley added eight points and seven rebounds to the win, Janice Coppolino had four points, 10 boards and sophomore Lindsey Pearson 10 rebounds and five steals to go with two points.

"Foley, Coppolino and Pearson did the dirty work

with their rebounding and defensive play," said Tildsley. "They rarely get the recognition they deserve."

In addition to the Coaches Award, Laura Orlando was also given the WCCM Player of the Game trophy.

The balanced Methuen offense was led by Hillary Glynn with 17 points, Katherine Curry 12, Kelly Barden and Lisa Golobski nine points each and Jillian Middlemiss seven.

The Rangers were equally inept at the free throw line on this night, converting only 5-of-18 foul shots.

This was Andover's fifth straight win over Methuen, four last season including a 60-50 triumph in the tourney final. The Rangers last beat AHS when they knocked the Lady Warriors out of the Division I North Tournament (65-42) in the opening round two years ago.

#### Semifinal

##### Andover 48

##### Salem, N.H. 23

Laura Orlando and Charlotte Muller scored 10 points each in limited playing time, as the Lady Warriors simply outclassed the younger Blue Devils in the opening round of the Christmas Festival.

"It wasn't very much fun for either team," said Tildsley.

Andover led 15-0 after the first eight-minute quarter, stretched the advantage to 29-6 by halftime, and then traded hoops with inter-state opponent Salem over the final two periods.

Charlotte Muller, playing less than one half, led the way with eight steals and two assists in addition to her 10 points.

Orlando's 10 points included the first two three-pointers of her varsity career, marking the first time since Lindsey Sweeney hit 13 tri-

fectas during the 1992-'93 season that any AHS women's hoopster other than Charlotte or Sarah Muller had hit a three.

Kristen Foley contributed a symmetrical seven points and seven rebounds, while Sarah Muller had six points, four assists and two steals.

Lindsey Pearson, freshman guard Lisa Tisbert and Kristin Sweeney netted four points each, with Pearson and Janice Coppolino also pulling down nine rebounds apiece.

Jenna Hartwell finished with two points, three assists and three steals, and Kaitlin Dargan completed the offense with one free throw.

Becky Valenti did the bulk of the damage for Salem with a game-high 14 points.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

In one of the most exciting championship games in the 23-year history of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival, the Andover High men's varsity basketball team erased a 15-point deficit with a dramatic rally before dropping a heartbreaking 61-59 decision to Central Catholic before an SRO crowd of 1,800 fans at Merrimack College.

The tough loss followed season-opening tourney wins over Greater Lawrence Tech, 89-49, in the quarterfinals and Lawrence, 77-59, in the semifinal round.

Freshman guard/forward Tom McLaughlin and senior guard Brendan Long were named to the All-Tournament Team, while senior center Jeff Danis was the Andover Coaches Award recipient.

#### Scoring leaders

Tom McLaughlin is the top marksman with 60 points in three games (20.0 average). Jeff Danis has 44 points, Brendan Long 29, Paul Wysocki 23 and Brian Anderson 20.

#### Schedule

As luck would have it, Andover ends a 10-day layoff this Sunday when it opens the regular Merrimack Valley Conference schedule against the same Central Catholic squad at the CCHS Auditorium (7:30 p.m.).

That will be followed by four more days off prior to a game Friday, Jan. 9 at Lowell High.

The home opener isn't until Thursday, Jan. 15 when Methuen invades the Dunn Gym (7:30).

#### Christmas Festival Semifinal

##### Andover 77

##### Lawrence 59

The Golden Warriors erased a two-point deficit with a 28-13 run over the final nine minutes of the first half, and the Lancers (3-1) never recovered.

The locals built a 47-34 halftime cushion and the closest Lawrence came in the second half was eight points (three times).

Once again the AHS offense was well-distributed, with 10 players contributing to the scoring and four hitting double figures.

Freshman guard Tommy McLaughlin had another solid night with a team-high 19 points against the much smaller but quicker Lawrence crew.

Two other underclassmen, junior 6'2" forward Brian Anderson and sophomore 6'5" forward Paul Wysocki, contributed 14 and 13 points respectively while senior 6'3" Captain Jeff Danis also netted 14 points.

After squandering an early 17-9 lead and falling behind by two, the Golden Warriors went on the first-half tear and were never seriously challenged again. The pivotal run was launched by a 14-2 burst keyed by five quick points from McLaughlin.

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## AHS Roundup ...

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Senior point-guard and Captain Brendan Long directed the attack with precision, passing out 10 assists and tossing in eight points. Rob Oppenheim buried a three-pointer, junior forwards Chris Demko (free throws) and Matt Brooks (field goal) added two points each, and single charities were pocketed by guards Paul Bellacqua and Dave Kodinsky. Danis also pulled down a dozen rebounds.

The Golden Warriors shot 54 percent from the floor and outscored Lawrence by a wide 17-5 margin at the foul line.

### Championship Game

### Central Catholic 61 Andover 59

Trailing by eight points at the half (35-27) and by 15 with less than 10 minutes to play (48-33), the Golden Warriors did a quick gut-check and almost pulled off a miraculous come-from-behind victory in the tourney final before a packed house at Merrimack College's S. Peter Volpe Complex.

Applying constant full-court pressure, Andover climbed back into contention by forcing a series of Central turnovers and riding the determined offensive play of Tom McLaughlin and Jeff Davis. A three-point play by Danis capped an inspired 18-3 run that tied the game, 51-51, with just under five minutes remaining.

But the equally-proud Raiders refused to wilt

and came off the ropes just in time, trading buckets with Andover down the seat-squirring stretch. Danis put the Golden Warriors ahead 59-58 just seconds before fouling out while battling for his 11th rebound.

Tournament MVP John Jacobs countered by hitting a baseline jumper, and Matt Qualter added a free throw, as CCHS inched ahead 61-59 with 26 seconds to play.

The traditionally tough Central defense forced Andover into an off-balance shot on its final trip down the floor. The ball rolled off the rim — and with the miss went the last hope of a 10th tourney championship.

After averaging 83 points and shooting well over 50 percent from the floor in their first two tournament games, the Golden Warriors had

trouble against a variety of Raider defenses.

The locals hit less than 30 percent of their field goal attempts and converted only 16-of-25 free throws against the relentless Raiders.

McLaughlin and Danis led the unbalanced attack with 21 points each, while Brendan Long also hit double figures with 10 points.

Everyone else struggled, however.

Dave Kodinsky tossed in a three-pointer, Rob Oppenheim had one field goal in his first start, and Paul Wysocki swished a pair of free throws to round out the offense.

Long and Oppenheim played strong defensive games in the backcourt, and Danis was tough off the boards, but it wasn't quite enough to prevent Central from winning its second straight tourney title and seventh overall.

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## TOWN OF ANDOVER

The Andover Conservation Commission will conduct a public informational meeting on the **proposed Andover Wetland Bylaw** on Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:45 p.m. in the third floor Conference Room of the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts. The public and all interested parties are welcome.

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 56 Ballardvale Road  
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald F. Hollander and Patricia K. Hollander to Arlington Trust Company dated December 11, 1985 and registered with Essex County North District Registry of the Land Court as Document No. 39115, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 8559, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 16th day of January, 1998, A.D. at 12:00 (NOON) P.M. at or upon the mortgaged premises, 56 Ballardvale Road, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

A certain parcel of land situated in Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

**SOUTHERLY:** by land now or formerly of Ruth M. Jenkins as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred seventy-four and 85/100 (174.85) feet;

**SOUTHWESTERLY** by said Jenkins land by two lines, seventy-nine and 1/10 (79.1) feet and one hundred six (106) feet;

**NORTHWESTERLY** by said Jenkins land by three lines, twenty-eight and 9/10 (28.9) feet, sixty-one (61) feet, and one hundred nine (109) feet;

**NORTHEASTERLY** by Ballardvale Road on said plan by four lines, twelve (12) feet, seventy-six (76) feet, twenty-three (23) feet and twenty-nine and 76/100 (29.76) feet;

**NORTHERLY** by Ballardvale Road by two lines, thirty-three and 50/100 (33.50) feet and twenty-three and 5/10 (23.5) feet; and

**EASTERLY** by said Ballardvale Road by two lines, twenty-eight and 3/10 (28.3) feet, and seventy-nine and 5/10 (79.5) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 4162K, drawn by Dana W. Clark, C.E., dated April 1939 as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 2424, Book 16, Page 497, and being designated as Lot 1D thereon.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00)** must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation acting in its capacity as Receiver/Conservator/Liquidating Agent for City Federal Savings Bank which pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §1441a(m) (1) succeeded the Resolution Trust Corporation in its capacity as Receiver/Conservator/Liquidating Agent for City Federal Savings Bank,  
**PRESENT HOLDER OF SAID MORTGAGE**  
December 18, 24 & 31, 1997

### OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, January 8, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of GASOLINE MERCHANTS, Inc. (James Zegouras, Pres.), 186 Prospect Street, Waltham, MA for modification of existing variances under Article VIII, Sections V.A., V.B.9 and V.B. of the Zoning By-Law granted under Decision No. 2011 to allow the continued existence of a gasoline station on the property with conditions Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 in said Decision No. 2011 eliminated or changed, and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to operate a gasoline service station in a residential district.

Premises affected are located at Rt. 125 & SALEM STREET, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 26 as Lot 11.

DANIEL S. CASPER,  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
December 24 & 31, 1997

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
ESSEX DIVISION**  
Docket No. 97P 3003-EP1  
Estate of HAROLD  
ADOLPH FREEMAN late  
of Andover in the County of  
Essex.

#### NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by KATHLEEN J. ADAMS of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executor thereof, without giving a surety on her bond. ROBERT SOLOV, the first named executor in said will, having declined to serve.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 9, 1998.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, the twenty-third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate  
December 31, 1997

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Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON RESERVATION ROAD, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 91 as Lot 55.

DANIEL S. CASPER,  
CHAIRMAN  
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December 24 & 31, 1997

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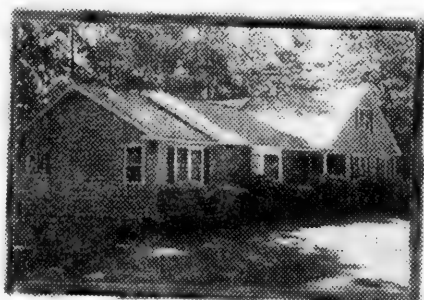
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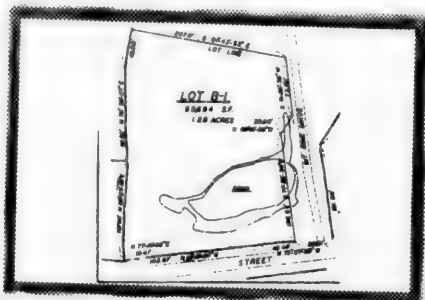
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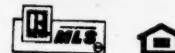
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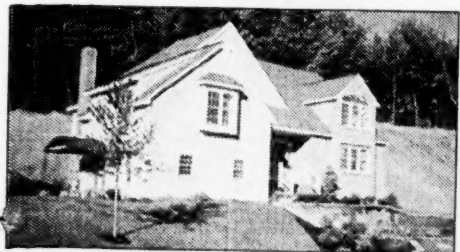
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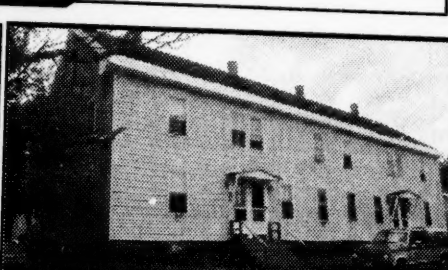
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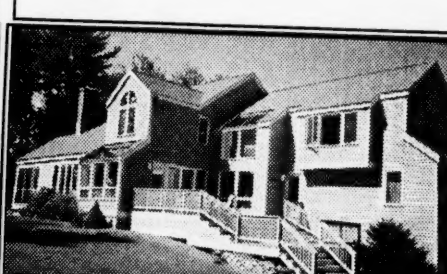
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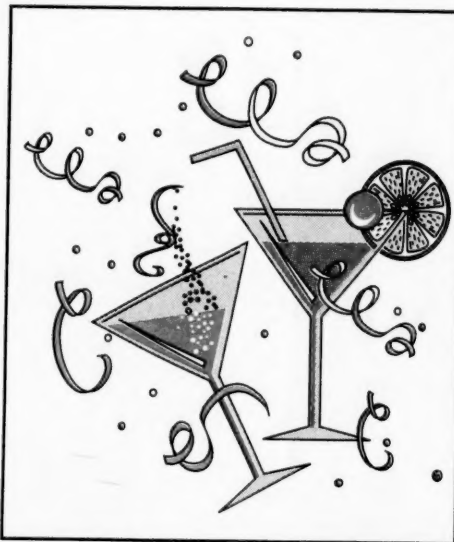
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